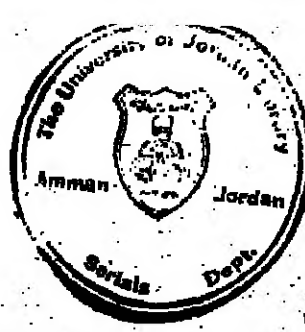


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Mandelbaum says gov't must check rising prices

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The government should make greater efforts to curb inflation, and not only to improve the balance of payments, Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum said yesterday.

In a report on the increase in the means of payment, Mandelbaum stressed the bank's concern at the unprecedented amount of money pumped into the economy in the past few months.

The periodic report summarizes financial developments in the economy and makes policy recommendations for the coming months.

Mandelbaum's report says the increased monetary injection was caused by larger government deficits in the first months of 1984. While a 15 per cent drop in real wages allowed the government to cut its outlays on workers pay in the last months, government revenue from taxes on corporations and the self-employed dropped even more.

This resulted in a larger deficit and in pumping more money into the economy.

Mandelbaum criticizes the government for failing to see that a new stage reached in the pace of price increases endangers the functioning of the economy. He adds that one of the Treasury's main targets should be a package deal agreement between management, government and labour, accompanied by a cut in public sector spending.

Speaking about the dangers of the larger sums being printed, the governor says the money may be channelled into purchases of imported durable consumer items, threatening the improvement in the balance of payments. He says printing more money also resulted in larger purchases of foreign currency. In the first months of the year, three-fourths of the money pumped into the economy was used for the latter purpose.

Mandelbaum also urges rebuilding the public's confidence in savings schemes and the capital market. The report shows that the public withdrew \$19 billion from savings plans in January and February, and the governor blames this on lack of confidence in the plans.

Mandelbaum says that Israel's military involvement in Lebanon was the main cause of an 8 per cent increase in real terms in government expenditures in 1983.

U.S. economy booms by 8.3%

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. economy grew at an astonishing 8.3 per cent from January through March, the government reported yesterday, as the pace of the nation's recovery from recession continued to confound the experts.

The Commerce Department last month had estimated economic growth, after adjusting for inflation, at 7.2 per cent, far above the 6 per cent predicted by most economists.

That preliminary estimate was based on data from January and February, when business activity was measured by various government indicators as extremely brisk.

After a string of reports showing much slower March activity, however, most economists predicted the 7.2 per cent estimate would be revised downward, probably to between 6 per cent and 6.5 per cent.

Instead, the department's revision announced yesterday went the other way, raising growth, as measured by the Gross National Product, to 8.3 per cent, compared with 5 per cent in the final three months of 1983.

Reagan off to China

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Reagan began the first leg of his 17,700 kilometre journey to China yesterday, departing the White House after shaking hands with the deputy chief of mission at the Chinese embassy, Hu Dingyi.



A contingent of runners from El Al makes its way through southern Jerusalem in yesterday's "mini-marathon."

Soldier wins capital's first mini-marathon

By YARON KENAN

Pilgrims of a novel type made their way through Jerusalem yesterday, when Maccabi Israel, in conjunction with the Ayalot Runners Club, inaugurated a new era in the history of sport in the capital by staging a Jerusalem "mini-marathon."

A 20-year-old soldier from Elin Gedi, Tomer Ran, used his training in climbing desert mountains to help him in the ascent of the capital's steep hills and beat the highly fan-

ciated favourite, Danny Felsenstein, for first place.

Felsenstein led for 18 kilometres, but then Ran passed him to win by a full half-minute in 1:09:42.

Mazal Shalom was first home among the women in 1:27:37, six minutes ahead of Rosa Saydon. Mazal confessed she felt lonely, because normally she runs in marathons in a family trio, with her sister Zahava and her cousin

Yehezkel Halifa. Zahava is at present running in the U.S., and Halifa was wounded in the terrorist attack on the Ashkelon bus.

The runners made their way through the southern suburbs to Gilo and back. They were cheered with particular enthusiasm in the Arab village of Beit Safafa.

Among the 750 participants were nearly 100 from various UN contingents. Barry Shaw won the over-40 event in 1:16:33.

Libyan answer on siege awaited

LONDON (AP). — Britain yesterday awaited Col. Muammar Gaddafi's response to terms for lifting the police siege of Libya's embassy here as hundreds of chanting Libyans demonstrated outside the British embassy in Tripoli.

Libyan leader Gaddafi said yesterday that British police were responsible for the death of a London policewoman, and that British security forces must withdraw from around his embassy there before the standoff can end.

The Times of London said Gaddafi had ordered the trapped Libyans to sit it out "even if it takes a year."

The Foreign Office said it was waiting to hear Libya's response to its demands to let police question the estimated 20 to 30 people inside the embassy and search the five-storey building, known as the Libyan People's Bureau, for weapons and explosives.

The siege began Tuesday when an unidentified sniper firing from the embassy raked 70 anti-Gaddafi

protesters with submachine-gun fire. A young policewoman was killed and 11 protesters wounded. Six were still hospitalized yesterday, reportedly in stable condition.

Ending the siege in London "is the responsibility of the British government. We did nothing," Gaddafi said from Tripoli in a live broadcast by the U.S. television network NBC.

The Libyan leader repeated his country's version of Tuesday's events — a version contradicted by witnesses, videotape and British officials. He said there was "an armed British attack by air and ground" against his embassy in which the policewoman was killed and 11 anti-Gaddafi Libyan demonstrators were injured.

The official Soviet news agency Tass yesterday reported that Libya had accused Britain of raiding its embassy in London. But it did not mention Tuesday's shooting nor that a British policewoman was killed and 11 anti-Gaddafi demonstrators were wounded.

In the first Soviet report on the incident, Tass said Tripoli had sent a letter to the UN concerning the attack on the Libyan embassy in London.

It also reported from Libya that Gaddafi's government had accused British police of using racist methods against Libyan nationals.

A signal intercepted by a U.S. spy satellite suggested that the gunfire from the Libyan Embassy in London may have resulted from a radio message from Libya, ABC television reported on Wednesday.

Quoting intelligence sources, the network said the message was picked up only hours before the shooting.

ABC said that in essence it ordered the embassy not to sit passively while anti-Gaddafi demonstrators marched outside, but to use force in responding to their taunts.

The U.S. government warned British authorities, but before they could react the shots had already been fired, ABC said. (AP, Reuter)

Liberals ready for Gahal changes

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Liberal leaders are not as opposed to changes in the Gahal agreement as their public utterances would indicate, but they cannot admit this publicly until their party's elections next week. It was this impression which led the Herut secretariat last night to postpone deliberations on the Gahal agreement which in 1965 determined the ratio between Herut and Liberal candidates in the Likud list.

The formula provides for a one to one ratio in the first 22 seats on the list; 11 Herut nominees to seven Liberals in the next 18 seats, and

parity for all seats further down the list.

The Herut secretariat will again take up the subject next Wednesday, when the Liberal central committee will be voting on the party's leader and the first 15 names which the Liberals will seek to place on the Likud list.

Herut's sense of a weakening opposition to change is corroborated by Liberal sources which indicate that the Liberal leadership is not displeased by the Herut pressure and may even have invited some of it to exercise more control over who gets onto the Liberal list of Knesset candidates.

According to reports from both parties, the Liberal leaders might be willing to discuss changing the existing situation — either slightly increasing Herut representation on the list at Liberal expense, or granting Herut veto power to weed out undesirable members on the Liberal list. But such an admission would be disastrous to any Liberal leader prior to next Wednesday's party elections.

Yesterday's Herut decision was reached after a short three-minute report by Deputy Premier David Levy, whom the party secretariat entrusted with negotiating an amendment. Levy stressed that Herut is not out to take unilateral action, and would like any amendments to be achieved with Liberal assent.

The Herut leadership is seeking to calm tempers in the party by telling the members that the Liberal leaders are in an awkward situation till next week and should not now be pressed. Furthermore, if the Liberal list elected next week includes problematic members whom Herut considers unreliable, the party's case for amending the agree-

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Two die, ten are hurt in road accidents

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two people were killed, and 10 seriously injured in road accidents around the country yesterday.

At the village of Kaboul in western Galilee, a 19-year-old girl, Najah Mahmoud Khatib, was killed, and six other people were injured, when a car hit an Egged bus.

A 22-year-old man from Omer was killed and a woman injured

when a car rammed into the back of a jeep in Beersheba.

Three men were injured in the Negev when a truck veered out of control and turned over.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu yesterday announced that during this fiscal year five out of the country's 13 "Red Roads" — those on which many fatal accidents have happened — will be widened and improved.

Pope: Palestinian homeland, Israeli security

VATICAN CITY (Reuter). — Pope John Paul said yesterday an internationally guaranteed status for Jerusalem, a Palestinian homeland and the security of Israel were fundamental requirements for a lasting Middle East peace.

In a comprehensive Apostolic Letter addressed to Catholics in the Holy Land and to all people of the Middle East on Monday Thursday, the pope reaffirmed the official Roman Catholic position.

Church sources said the letter was bound to irritate Israel, whose relations with the Vatican have been very cool since the pope received the leader of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, in 1982.

Noting that Jerusalem was a holy city for Christianity, Islam and Judaism, the pope called for a lasting and just solution to the status of Israel's capital city.

The pope said the interests of the three religions in Jerusalem should be protected by "a special, internationally guaranteed statute so that one side or the other cannot place it under discrimination."

He said he was "convinced the lack of efforts to find a just solution to the question of Jerusalem would only compromise the search for a peaceful solution to the Middle East conflict."

In 1980, the Vatican criticized Israel's decision to make Jerusalem its capital and said Israeli

guarantees of free access for all to the city's holy places were insufficient.

In the letter the pontiff said Israel had a right to secure borders, but the Palestinians also had a right to a homeland.

"For the Jewish people who live in the State of Israel... we must invoke the desired security and just tranquility that is the prerogative of every nation," the pope said.

"The Palestinian people, which have their historic roots in that land and for tens of years have been dispersed, have the natural right, out of justice, to again find a homeland and to be able to live in peace and tranquility with all the other people of the region," he said.

Assad-Jemayel confer as truce takes hold

DAMASCUS (AP). — Syrian President Hafez Assad and Lebanese President Amin Jemayel yesterday held three sessions of talks here on Lebanon's future as some 200 white-helmeted truce observers deployed around Beirut in a first step in a separation of forces and ceasefire arrangement between Lebanon's warring factions.

Assad greeted Jemayel at Damascus Airport with a handshake and hugs. The two presidents held three hours of talks at the presidential palace and then were joined by their top aides for a "working luncheon."

Another meeting was held in the late afternoon, attended by Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem, and Jemayel advisers Jean Obied and Mohammed Shokair. On the Syrian side were Vice-President Abdul-Halim Khaddam, Prime Minister Abdel-Raouf al-Kassab and Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa. There was no official comment on the talks. Syrian and Lebanese sources had said the two presidents would discuss a Jemayel blueprint for reforms to give Lebanon's Moslems a greater share of power in the country, which has been

dominated by Christians for more than 40 years.

Once agreement was reached on reforms, a national unity government of all warring factions would be formed to implement the reforms, the officials said.

Syria backs Lebanon's Druse and Shi'ite Moslem opposition groups, but Assad took a mediator's stance last month after Jemayel scuffled the U.S.-negotiated Lebanon-Israel withdrawal agreement.

The abrogation came after Jemayel's first trip to Syria.

A Syrian source said before the summit that all Lebanese parties had "shown determination to end the hostilities or at least arrange a truce so that they can work out the problems rationally and not under the threat of guns."

Meanwhile, the truce observers

deployed in 50 posts along Beirut's demarcation line, the city's southern suburbs and around the mountaintop town of Souk al-Gharb to monitor ceasefire violations, a spokesman said.

The spokesman, Lebanese Army Col. Jean Nassif, said all the deployed observers on the three main civil war fronts were Lebanese. He added that the force would be buttressed by French observers within the next two days.

The deployed team was made up of 70 retired army officers and 130 non-commissioned officers. They were equipped with binoculars, maps and radio communication sets and were unarmed, he added.

The deployment began at 1 p.m., an hour behind schedule.

Police said at least 25 people were

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Syrian President Hafez Assad greets President Amin Jemayel of Lebanon at the Damascus airport yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

Tyre passenger boat barred from Beirut

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A passenger boat from Tyre in South Lebanon was stopped by Shi'ite militiamen and Lebanese Army soldiers from docking in Beirut port yesterday.

Shi'ite Amal militia headquarters in Beirut said no sea link would be allowed between South Lebanon and Beirut until the coastal road, closed now for two months, was reopened.

The boat service was started by a group of Tyre businessmen.

Grenade injures soldier

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Israeli Defence Forces soldier was slightly injured yesterday when a hand-grenade was thrown at an army convoy in Nabatiya in South Lebanon. IDF forces closed the area and carried out searches.

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Golan	69	10-17	17
Nahariya	63	8-15	16
Safed	77	16-20	21
Haifa Port	77	16-20	21
Tiberias	51	15-24	25
Nazareth	58	11-18	18
Afula	69	14-21	22
Shimon	56	12-18	18
Tel Aviv	65	15-20	21
B-G Airport	62	15-21	22
Jericho	41	19-26	27
Gaza	68	16-20	21
BeerSheva	58	14-23	24
Eilat	24	20-30	30

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Finkel, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Green, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kohn, Dr. and Mrs. J. Siegel, Mrs. F. Spitzer — U.S.; Rabbi and Mrs. M. Friedman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hubert, Mr. and Mrs. Walter I. Hubert, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kozus, Mr. and Mrs. S. Landau, Mr. and Mrs. G. Reid — Great Britain; Mr. and Mrs. A. Heidem — Belgium; Rabbi and Mrs. Z. Frankfurter — France; Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Wohl — Switzerland; Mr. and Mrs. L. Pugatch — U.S.; to attend the International Board of Trustees meeting of Ramot Shapira World Youth Centre.

Canada health minister due here next week

Canada's Minister of National Health and Welfare Monique Bégin is to visit Israel from April 23-27, it was announced yesterday in Jerusalem and Ottawa. On April 25, she will meet with Minister of Health Eliezer Shostak and Minister of Social Affairs Aharon Uzan. The discussions will focus on increased cooperation in health matters, resulting from the memorandum of understanding Israel and Canada signed on March 16, 1982.

Slow learners do better in regular kindergarten

Research by the Education Ministry in Kibbutz Ein Carmel, near Afula, indicates that the "unusual" child, one who seems slow or has learning difficulties, does better in a kindergarten with normal children. Tsipora Sa'ad of the ministry's Psychological Counselling Service found that when such "unusual" children remain within ordinary classes their performance is vastly superior to those in special kindergartens for "unusual" children. The success of recent experiments has led the Education Ministry to recommend standard schooling for these children of whom there are more than 5,000 in the 3-6 year age group.

PHONE TOKENS. — Kibbutz Mefalim recently finished an order for 15 million telephone tokens for the Communications Ministry. The tokens were made formerly in West Germany.

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wounded before the truce began to take hold at dawn yesterday. One man was later killed and 12 others were injured in localized ceasefire breaches before and during the deployment of the observers, police added. Nassif said the second phase of the disengagement plan would begin at 7 a.m. today, when 1,800 policemen and army conscripts would move into buffer zones on the "Green Line," the southern suburbs and around Souk al-Gharb on the first mountain ridge east of the capital.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Liberal MKs no longer face 60 per cent support hurdle

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The chairman of the Liberal Party Council yesterday dismissed a demand for a secret vote and rammed through a decision making it unnecessary for MKs who have served two terms to receive 60 per cent of the Central Committee vote to qualify for a possible third term. The chairman's decision was backed by the party's cabinet ministers.

But ministers' attempts to honour their part in a reported deal with the Liberal Workers Union failed when a majority of more than two thirds turned down a proposal to guarantee the workers two slots among the first 18 in the party's Knesset list. The vote led to an angry walkout by the represen-

tatives of the union which was threatened to quit the party.

Council member Avraham Fried presented Chairman Yitzhak Katabi with 48 signatures demanding a secret vote on all the proposed changes on the agenda for yesterday's meeting.

But Katabi rejected the secret vote saying the paper should have specified the issues for which it was demanded. He then ordered an open vote on the changes, which included a proposal abolishing the 60 per cent requirement.

In the vote 221 members supported the proposal, two opposed it and one abstained. Many members did not participate in the vote.

The rule affected 60 per cent of all Liberal ministers and Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor.

Writer Amos Oz may appear on Labour's Knesset list

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Writer Amos Oz has been approached to run for the Knesset on the Labour-Alignment list, Labour sources said yesterday. Oz is said to be seriously considering the proposal and will announce his intentions by Sunday.

The approach to Oz was made by dovish elements in the United Kibbutz Movement. Oz is a member of Kibbutz Hulda and active in the kibbutz movement and Peace Now.

According to unconfirmed reports, Oz may also be approached by MK Shulamit Aloni to fill the number two slot on her Citizens' Rights Movement list.

Meanwhile, Labour Party supporters of Arye (Lova) Eliav come up with the formula they hope

will allow the re-admission of the party's former secretary-general to Labour's inner forums. Eliav, who left the party in 1975, announced last week he would run for the Knesset on his own list. He has given his supporters, headed by former Histadrut secretary-general Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, until Sunday to arrange a meeting for him with party chairman Shimon Peres and secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev.

Supporters of former envoy to the U.S. Simha Dinitz are promoting his selection to a "prominent and central place" on the Knesset list. Some 350 prominent party members, including former ministers Shlomo Hillel and Gad Ya'acobi, and Jerusalem branch chairman Uzi Baram, are reported to have signed a letter supporting Dinitz's inclusion.

NRP factions parley, deal into the night

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Disarray continued in the NRP yesterday, as various groupings in the party weighed running separately or seeking other political havens.

MK Haim Druckman's home in Mercas Shapira was the scene late last night for a Matzad meeting in which the faction was to decide whether to run with NRP or join the Hanan Porat segment of Gush Emunim.

Despite Matzad's satisfaction with the compromise proposed by Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira, who put Druckman in the second slot on the list and gave his followers two more slots among the first 10, some doubts still trouble the faction.

The first of these is the likelihood that nothing will come of the compromise, since too many of the

NRP's many other components are displeased with it. Matzad could find itself without even the option of a joint ticket with Porat.

Gush Emunim, meanwhile, is bitter about Matzad's willingness to go along with the Shapiro recommendations.

"Another faction, Likud U'mitnah, led by former minister Yitzhak Raphael and former MK David Glass, has severed contacts with the NRP. It will not participate in the negotiations underway in the NRP, after the Shapiro compromise offered the faction only the 13th slot on the list. Likud U'mitnah has formed a committee of five to decide on its future. Some in the faction, notably Glass, are known to seeking a deal with the Labour Party, while others, such as Asher Lazimi, would like to team up with Herut.

Weizman would seek ties with Russia

Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — If Ezer Weizman joins a coalition government after the election, he will push a foreign policy with an emphasis on an opening to the Communist countries, according to the foreign policy plank of Weizman's party, Yahad.

The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday that Weizman will insist on a new initiative in restoring diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. He argues that so far the government has not done enough to

initiate a dialogue with the Russians, whom he regards as a key factor in further peace in the Middle East.

He also hopes that renewed relations with Moscow would help increase allys from the Soviet Union.

Another foreign policy move by Weizman would be to seek the establishment of relations with China. He would like to use Washington's developing relations with Peking to help in this regard.

Teachers ask for Knesset seat for union leader

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Close to ten thousand teachers from all political parties have so far signed a petition calling on the Alignment to give outgoing Histadrut Teachers Union secretary-general Amnon Abramson a realistic place on its Knesset slate, a union spokesman said yesterday.

The signature campaign will continue after Pessah vacation and its leaders hope to get 25,000 teachers to sign. The spokesman said teachers who identify with political

parties other than the Alignment signed the petition because they feel it is important that teachers be represented in the Knesset.

Labour Party leader Shimon Peres told the party's teachers' section recently that teachers should be represented in the Knesset because of the importance of education. Union leaders hope this means Abramson has a good chance.

After the union elections next month, Abramson's deputy Yitzhak Welber will replace him as secretary-general.

Arab dignitaries moot separate Knesset list

By YOEL DAR

NAZARETH. — Arab dignitaries are examining the possibility of establishing an independent list for

the Knesset and will meet in Nazareth tomorrow.

Both Labour and Rakah have sharply attacked the proposal.

Man feared drowned off Carmel Beach

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A 33-year-old teacher from East Jerusalem was feared drowned off the Carmel Beach yesterday when he was swept out to sea. Lifeguards saved another man who was with him, the police reported.

The two men were part of a party of 44 from Hebron and Jerusalem spending a day on the beach.

The pair went for a swim at about 3 p.m., but got into difficulties and could not return to shore.

When the alarm was raised, three lifeguards dove into the sea and rescued one of the men who was taken to Rambam Hospital for treatment.

But the second man disappeared under the waves and despite efforts by the lifeguards, coastal police and the Navy, he was still missing at nightfall.

VISITORS. — A group of 39 residents of the West German town of Bad Oldesloe arrived yesterday at the start of a visit during which their hosts will be residents of Be'er Ya'acov.



Liberal ministers Gideon Patt (left), Pessah Grupper (centre) and Yitzhak Moda'i (right) vote yesterday to abolish the 60 per cent requirement for party MKs seeking a third Knesset term. (IPPA)

Modan: It's Rothschild or Nahariya

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Health Ministry director-general Baruch Modan has said his ministry does not have the \$1.7 million it was expected to allocate this year towards completing the Rothschild Hospital's west wing project.

Modan told The Jerusalem Post that allocating the money would mean stopping development work at the Nahariya hospital where conditions are "far worse" than at Rothschild.

The Knesset Finance Committee has recommended that the Health Ministry allocate the money this year to pay for equipment already

ordered, and that the Treasury guarantee a loan for the Friends of Rothschild Hospital Society. Both ministries have failed to implement the recommendations.

Modan cancelled a meeting scheduled for yesterday with representatives of the Friends Society, saying he would not meet them unless they could offer to provide the money needed for completion of the 11 storey building. Meanwhile, the hospital's doctors committee is threatening to shut the hospital unless there is a breakthrough in negotiations with the Health Ministry after the current holiday.

Group to decry animal experiments

TEL AVIV. — Representatives of Hayim Leba'alei Hayim (Life for Animals), a voluntary association opposing the use of animals in laboratory experiments, will bring their case before the public at Dignitoff Circle next Tuesday, the international day against such experiments.

Towards noon the association will show a 12-minute documentary depicting the cruelty of some animal experiments. These include the administering of poison eye-drops to rabbits, electric shocks causing brain damage and crippling, the injection of various substances, exposure to radiation,

and open heart surgery. The animals in many of these experiments received no anaesthetics.

At a press conference here Wednesday, the association's leaders said that on Tuesday morning they will hold vigils outside universities, hospitals and other institutions which use animals in research and which keep them in inhumane conditions.

COURTS. — Nine summary trial courts for traffic offences have begun operating around the country. According to Transport Minister Haim Corfu the courts will deal with 1,500-2,000 cases a month.

6 stranded holiday hikers rescued in Negev region

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Six people were rescued by Nature Reserves Authority wardens, volunteers, field school workers and soldiers on Wednesday, after getting lost in the Negev area while on holiday hikes, NRA southern district director Shmuel Shapira said yesterday.

"This time, happily, nobody was killed," he added, referring to the case of Norman Levinkind, an English tourist who is believed to have fallen off a cliff in the Ein Gedi area last September. His body has never been found.

Shapira said 40 people worked all night to save the stranded hikers. "They all thought that they were experienced hikers and therefore did not heed the preliminary rules, such as taking along sufficient water, topographical maps and information on trails. They ended up lost at night, which makes for further waste of energy and for panic."

A 24-year-old Netanya man was rescued Wednesday night in the Zin hills after the Hatzefa field school in the Arava was notified he was stuck. He and four friends had begun climbing Mt. Zin at 4 p.m. without a map, after spending the day hiking in the area.

"The rock is soft and crumbly, and they were stuck, unable to climb up or to go back down," Shapira said. Four hikers managed to come down, but the fifth was stuck.

Shortly before midnight, after four hours of rescue operations, soldiers, field-school workers, Negev phosphates workers and NRA wardens using ropes managed

to get the man down safely. On Wednesday afternoon, 11 Jerusalem youngsters from the Ezra movement hiking in the Ein Gedi area began to use a trail which Shapira later described as a difficult all-day walk. An hour later, one of the youngsters succumbed to the heat and the others went to get help. Medics arrived with infusions by 8 p.m. to rescue her.

Two army officers collapsed on the same trail on Wednesday. A group of six officers began the hike in the morning, and by early afternoon one had been overcome by the heat. While one friend remained with him, the others continued their hike.

The soldiers did not know the way, meandered, and on reaching the hilltop by evening, they ran up water, and another member of the group collapsed from thirst and exhaustion. One soldier stayed with him, while the last two returned to the Ein Gedi field school and their friends were in serious difficulty.

An army helicopter was called and the four stranded officers were picked up and given infusions.

About 7,000 people paid to enter the Ein Gedi nature reserve on Wednesday, Shapira said. He estimated that there were 15,000 people in the area, and said the NRA has set up an extra information booth in the Nahal Arugot area to help hikers.

Itm reported last night that the NRA plans to file lawsuits against the hikers rescued Wednesday night in the Negev and Ein Gedi areas, because of the great expense of rescue operations made necessary by their alleged carelessness.

Tass criticizes U.S. plan to ban chemical weapons

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union yesterday said the chemical weapons ban proposed by U.S. Vice-President George Bush at the Geneva conference on disarmament "does not contain even a hint of change in the old obstructionist approach of the U.S."

The commentary, issued by the official government news agency Tass, accused the U.S. of offering the proposal to divert world attention from the deployment of U.S. missiles in Western Europe. "Regrettably, the American draft, which was much publicized in advance, does not contain even a hint of change in the old obstructionist approach of the U.S. toward resolving the problem of eliminating the threat of war in the world, including chemical war," Tass said.

Tass also accused Washington of wanting to build up its chemical weapon arsenal, while at the same time holding talks on a ban of such weapons. Tass said a provision of the U.S. proposal calling for verification and inspection of chemical weapon

production sites was "obviously unacceptable to the Soviet Union."

Bush presented the proposal to the 40-nation Geneva conference on disarmament on Wednesday. He called on the Soviet Union and other countries to join the U.S. in opening up military and government-run chemical weapons production and storage facilities to inspection on 24-hour notice.

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Mimouna organizers against politicization

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — If any political party wishes to exploit the Mimouna holiday for electioneering, the organizers of the celebration will urge the public not to vote for that party, Sam Ben-Chetrit of Beyahad (Together) the organization behind Mimouna told the press this week.

Mimouna is a holiday which Jews from North Africa celebrate on what would be the eighth day of Passover in the Diaspora (the day after Passover here) and which Beyahad tries to use to bring North Africans and other Israelis closer.

"This year, in honour of Tel Aviv's 75th birthday, the central Mimouna celebrations on Tuesday will be held at Park Hayarkon, though there will be a smaller gathering in Gan Sacher in Jerusalem (where the Mimouna is usually celebrated) for those who cannot come to Tel Aviv."

At 2 p.m. on that day, public relations by the President, Chaim Herzog, Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, and opposition leader Shimon Peres, will come to the Mimouna.

"No speeches," Ben-Chetrit said. "We asked them not to go over a half a minute each, just for greetings. We hope everyone will be wise enough not to use the occasion for electioneering, and we also hope the parties will all keep the election campaign altogether."

On Tuesday evening, there will be an evening of song and poetry at the Tel Aviv Cinema. Mayor Shlomo Lahat had wanted the event to be held at the Mann Auditorium, but the Philharmonic has a concert that night and the hall is unavailable.

"With all due respect to the Philharmonic, we will do everything possible to see that the hall is available in future years on the night of the Mimouna," Lahat said. He also urged the political parties not to use the Mimouna celebrations for note-seeking.

On Tuesday night, Beyahad will also be organizing an "open door" campaign in which Israelis regardless of country of origin are invited to visit the homes of fellow Israelis who come from North Africa. "We believe the real solution to the problem of tensions between the different communities of origin is to give everyone the chance to show his traditional culture and to have it accepted by everyone else," Ben-Chetrit said.

Mapam's Grossman rejected for post in future cabinet

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. Kibbutz Ha'artzi yesterday refused to nominate former MK Halka Grossman as a Mapam candidate for a cabinet post. Grossman insists, however, that she is still in the running. The kibbutz movement's blessing went instead to Dov Peleg, an economist by training, an indication that Mapam is seriously determined to get an important economic portfolio if the Alignment forms the next government.

Mapam leaders have already warned Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres that Mapam will not be satisfied with portfolios such as health and absorption which it had in the last Alignment government. Mapam says it now wants at least

the industry and trade portfolio. The Kibbutz Ha'artzi's recommendation will carry much weight in determining Mapam's choice. The appointments committee said that Grossman should be a candidate for Knesset membership which, according to Mapam rules, disqualifies her from being considered for a cabinet post. Grossman, a cabinet candidate in 1981, refuses to accept a recommendation for a safe Knesset slot. She says she will aim at a cabinet position despite the Kibbutz Ha'artzi ruling.

Apart from Grossman, the kibbutz movement recommended other Knesset candidates, of whom three will be chosen for the Mapam list. These include MKs Elazar Granot and Dov Zakai, as well as Peace Now leader Avshalom Vilan.

Yadin alleged that the "continuing erosion" of freedom and the compromises made in the name of government coalitions threaten Israeli democracy, and that the Movement for Progressive Judaism said that Israel is the only place in the western world where Jews do not enjoy freedom of religion.

Dr. Zev Katz, of the Hebrew University, said that Hemdat will monitor the views of political parties and their candidates on religious freedom, cultural freedom and women's rights before the next election.

Jollity becomes violence in Orthodox neighbourhood

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

About a hundred haredim yesterday celebrated the release of one of their community from police custody by smashing up a shop owned by the landlord of a Turkish bath in the heart of the ultra-Orthodox Jerusalem neighbourhoods.

At about 10:30 a.m., dozens of mostly young men began streaming out of Mea She'arim heading towards the Russian Compound, where a student from the Toldot Aharon yeshiva was being held as a suspect in a case of automobile arson. The vehicle was owned by Margalit Kovshi, the wife of the Turkish bath owner. The haredim oppose the Turkish bath because, they say, it offends their religious sensibilities. It has been in the Bokeran quarter since the turn of the century.

The celebratory mood was obvious. An automobile with loudspeakers blaring basidic music accompanied the running haredim. They were dressed in holiday finery, in the pale grey and brown silken

robes characteristic of Toldot Aharon students.

Suspect Zvi Davidovich, was dressed by his friends in a white robe and led out of the Russian Compound by the singing haredim.

A kilometre away, in Mea She'arim, the joyous haredim became violent. They marched up the main street into Geula, where Margalit Kovshi owns a shop selling "exclusive fashion for women."

Traffic snarled as they made their way through the streets crowded with families out for a holiday stroll.

Suddenly, there was the sound of glass being broken. Women's clothing was tossed into the air, a burglar alarm went off, scattering the crowd.

"For two years, we've been asking that the steam baths be shut down," said a yeshiva student who was asked why the shop was attacked. "But they ignore us," he said, turning on his heels and running when he heard the police siren.

Police are seeking the owners of the white Sussita that had the loudspeakers. Police sources said arrests are expected.

Novel banking scheme for tourists

By PINHAS LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tourists and foreign residents will now be able to deposit sums of \$1,000 or more for periods starting from one week and earn daily interest on their money.

This is the central feature of a new deposit programme initiated by Bank Hapoalim and designed to attract deposits from people who would otherwise not use the banking system during their stay.

Until now banks have only accepted time deposits of three months or more for small amounts, with only large depositors being able to obtain daily interest as 'special treatment'. The new terms

open up this possibility to everyone permitted to hold foreign currency deposits in 'free' accounts (Patash).

Deposits and withdrawals in these new accounts will be free of commissions and other charges. Interest will accrue on a daily basis according to the balance of the account. Even if the balance falls below the \$1,000 original minimum figure, the remainder will continue to draw interest.

An additional benefit offered by the bank to customers opening accounts under this scheme is the award of a certificate confirming the planting of a tree in the name of the account holder, for each account opened.

Last of Christian Holy Week celebrations

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Christian Holy Week observances reach their peak in Jerusalem this weekend with Good Friday today, Holy Saturday tomorrow and Easter on Sunday.

Yesterday the various Christian communities observed the traditional foot-washing ceremony of Maundy Thursday. In the courtyard of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, in the Old City, thousands of pilgrims from Greece and Cyprus stood by as the Latin Patriarch washed the feet of 12 monks.

Today will be marked by processions along the Via Dolorosa, as pilgrims from around the world, many of them carrying crosses, retrace the last steps of Jesus. At noon tomorrow in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the Orthodox communities will observe the ceremony of the Holy Fire — the highlight of their celebrations — in which a flame is brought out from the tomb of Jesus and thousands of the faithful press forward to receive it.

For Protestants, Easter Sunday will be observed with sunrise services on the Mt. of Olives, on the terrace of the Scottish Church and at the Garden Tomb.

Gurel raps plan to end Sabbath buses from Haifa

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mayor Arye Gurel protested to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday against the government's reported intention to stop the Egged bus cooperative's early Saturday afternoon service from here to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

In a cable to Shamir and Transport Minister Haim Corfu, Gurel

said the municipality had learned that, from May, buses would only be allowed to leave the central bus station after the end of Sabbath.

The mayor said the change would violate the city's long-standing status quo, which allows public transport on Saturdays but not Friday night cinema, and could harm their good relations between orthodox and secular residents.

BEAUTIES. — Eight aspiring beauty queens this week gave drivers at petrol stations in Ramat Aviv a flower and a reminder that they drive carefully.

ELECTION ANALYSIS/Hanoch and Rafi Smith

Undecided vote is far lower than in 1981

THE ELECTION campaign of 1984 has opened much like the 1981 campaign, with the Labour Alignment holding a solid lead. In February 1981, when elections were decided upon, the Alignment led the Likud by 44 per cent to 44 per cent in the Smith Research Centre poll of Jewish voters, with 26 per cent undecided. Of the undecided over 80 per cent — 21 per cent of the total Jewish vote — had voted Likud in 1977. As it turned out, nearly all these voters, and some more, were waiting for a reason to return to the Likud fold, supplied to them first by Arikor and later by Begin.

In the April 8-12, 1984 poll, the differences were less dramatic. The Alignment lead by 41 per cent to 28 per cent with 6 per cent undecided, again mostly 1981 Likud voters. The higher Likud vote in the latest poll, compared to 1981, is in part explained by a change in the definition of "undecided," currently allocated by their leading preferences. But the main reason for the better Likud standing is the higher level of commitment that characterizes the Likud voter today.

It is generally not fully appreciated that, among Jewish voters in the 1981 elections, 56 per cent of those voting cast ballots for a coalition party, against 44 per cent for the opposition and others. Since only 13 per cent of the non-Jewish electorate supported a coalition party in the final allocation of votes, coalition parties received 52.8 per cent of the votes to 47.2 for the opposition and others.

The latest poll deals only with Jewish voters, and will be compared with Jewish voters in the 1981 elections, and in some previous polls.

THE BASIC trend over the past year has been characterized by a decline in support for the coalition in general, and the Likud in particular. Indeed, in less than one

Anti-Israeli may head world tourism group

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel is preparing for a struggle to prevent a representative from a hostile country from becoming the head of the World Tourism Organization (WTO), The Jerusalem Post learned yesterday.

The first round took place recently in San Marino where representatives of 23 countries met to nominate successors to Roberto Lenati, the Italian who has headed the group for 30 years. Among candidates picked were nine from Arab and African countries unfriendly to Israel.

In a bitter debate with delegates from the Eastern bloc, Yosef Shoval, director of the Tourism Ministry school of tourism, proposed that only those candidates from countries which had diplomatic ties with all members of the WTO be considered.

In other business, the body discussed establishing universal standards for camping grounds and other sites of popular tourism.

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	Likud	Religious	other coalition	total coalition
1981 elections	40	12	4	56
May 1983	38.5	8	4.5	51
December 1983	34	10	4	48
April 1984	28	12	5.5	45.5
Opposition				
	Labour	opposition	other opposition	total
1981 elections	37.5	6.5	44	
May 1983	33	9	42	
December 1983	40.5	4	44.5	
April 1984	41	7.5	48.5	

Undecided (May 1983 — 7 per cent; December 1983 7%; April 1984 — 6 per cent)

year, support for the Likud declined by over 10 per cent. Only half of this accrued to the opposition; the remainder shifted to other coalition parties.

Support for religious parties, which sank to 8 per cent in May 1983, has recovered: in April 1984, religious parties reached the levels of their 1981 election results.

Support for Tehiya has risen to over 4 per cent, again at the expense of the Likud.

In May 1983, the coalition parties led the opposition by 51 per cent to 42 per cent, with 7 per cent undecided — results not far from 1981 election results. Now, in April 1984 — for the first time since the elections of 1981 — the opposition leads the coalition by 48.5 per cent to 45.5 per cent, with 6 per cent undecided. While overall coalition support declined by 5.5 per cent, the opposition support increased by 6.5 per cent. The Labour Alignment increased its share by a full 8 per cent,

while its partners declined by 1.5 per cent. In May 1983, Shinui scored a solid gain, but has since returned to its normal strength.

The vote by party groupings can be deceptive, since party alliances change. Thus, within the religious camp, the future status of Tami is unclear. Meanwhile, their vote is included within the coalition framework.

Similarly, Ezer Weizman is classified with the opposition. Almost the entire increase in the "other opposition" vote can be attributed to the 3 per cent his list obtained in the latest poll. Past experience with similar parties, like Telem, makes us cautious about the ultimate direction such parties will take. But, operating within these frameworks, a clearer picture emerges. At the present moment, the coalition is in the minority of those expressing party preference, and it faces an uphill fight.

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Dedication of Kaplan Plaza at Shaare Zedek



The Kaplan Family at the dedication ceremony of Kaplan Plaza at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

Al and Ellen Kaplan of Montvale, New Jersey, were warmly welcomed and fêted at the Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem on Wednesday evening, Hol Hamoad Pessah, April 18, 1984.

The Kaplans and their sons Mitchell, 9 and Jordan, 5 were joined by a large group of friends at a ceremony in front of the main hospital building. The delighted parents watched as their sons Mitchell and Jordan unveiled the beautiful three-dimensional sign marking the naming of the Main Plaza by the Kaplan family.

With the unveiling of their names on the major Benefactors' wall inside the main lobby garden, Al and Ellen Kaplan became the eleventh family to join the elite international group of Shaare Zedek Benefactors.

After Al Kaplan responded to the greetings, young Mitchell asked to speak, and said: "When I grow up, I will also give to Shaare Zedek and have my name on this wall."

Ludwig Jesselson, President of the Shaare Zedek International Board of Directors warmly thanked Ellen and Al Kaplan for their generous support.

Dr. Michael Rosenbluth, Shaare Zedek's Director General, greeted the Kaplans and Yitzhak Rabin, M.K., referred to his life-long association with the veteran hospital, which has served Jerusalem with such distinction in peace and war.

Before proceeding to the Plaza Hotel for a Celebration Banquet, the Kaplans and their guests toured the Medical Center with Prof. Arthur Eldelman, Director of Neonatology Services.

Ellen Kaplan was presented a "Jerusalem of Gold" medallion, given to "Women of Valor" for dedicated service to Shaare Zedek, by Mrs. Erica Jesselson, herself a benefactor and chairperson of the Shaare Zedek Women's Division in the U.S.

Al Kaplan, a refining engineer, is a senior vice president of the New York-based Philbro-Solomon Corp. and directs all its worldwide oil marketing activities.

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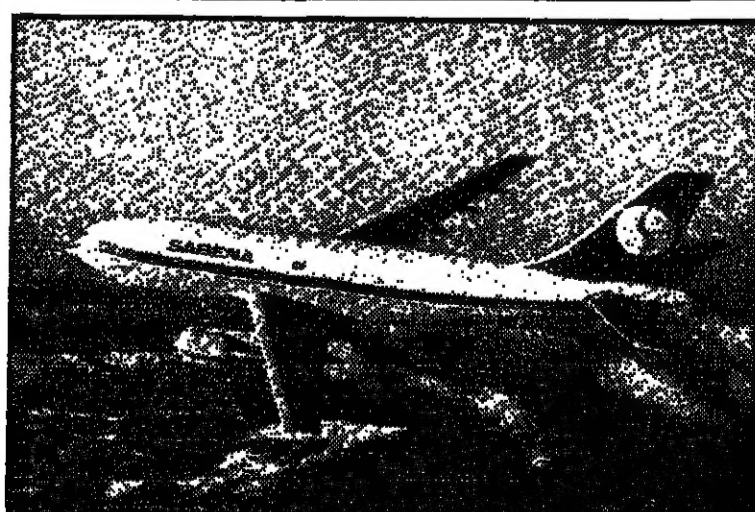
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Sikh-Hindu clashes escalate

CHANDIGARH, India. — Sikh militants fatally shot two policemen and a young Hindu yesterday while authorities extended curfews in the cities of Chandigarh and Moga.

A bomb blast, meanwhile, blew up a section of a railroad line 300 kilometres southwest of Chandigarh. Punjab State police said the bomb was planted by suspected Sikh terrorists.

In another incident, Sikh extremists burned a post office in Punjab's Faridkot District, near the border with Pakistan.

Hundreds of armed Sikhs staged an anti-Hindu procession in violation of a ban on public assembly in Chandigarh, joint capital of Punjab and Haryana States. Some in the procession opened fire, killing a Hindu and wounding another.

Four Sikh gunmen in a car fired at a police patrol when they were stopped on a national highway near the town of Ambala, south of here. Two police constables were

reported killed. The assailants escaped.

A night curfew in Chandigarh was extended until the weekend. The curfew was clamped on Wednesday after violence erupted during the funeral of an assassinated Hindu leader.

About 2,000 mourners burned buses, attacked Sikh-owned stores and stoned government offices in Chandigarh on Wednesday during a daylong strike protesting the slaying of Inder Pal Gupta.

Yesterday morning, Sikh terrorists poured kerosene on four Hindu shops and burned them to the ground in curfew-bound Moga. The arson prompted the state government to indefinitely extend a round-the-clock curfew in the city.

Earlier, a Hindu was seriously wounded by a sword-wielding Sikh militant in Chandigarh.

Authorities described the situation as tense.

Meanwhile, two activists of an outlawed Sikh student group died

yesterday after sustaining gunshot wounds in a battle with Punjab police.

The Press Trust of India news agency said two Pakistani aircraft crossed the border between the two countries at Hussainiwala and entered Indian territory over Punjab. One of them crash-landed in the North Punjab town of Mukerian.

PTI said police arrested the occupants of the plane, a two-seater from the flying club at Lahore. But the other aircraft flew back across the border.

Pakistan President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq yesterday rejected Indian charges that Pakistan was aiding Sikh extremists.

"We do not believe in a Machiavellian policy or in interfering in the internal affairs of any country," he said when asked about the charge made on Wednesday night by the Indian home minister. (AP, Reuters)

UN plans to aid drought-stricken Sahel

GENEVA (AP). — UN officials yesterday announced a \$2.3 billion action plan to save eight African countries in the Sahel region from the effects of an unprecedented 15-year drought.

The plan allocates nearly \$1.4 billion of the aid in the next few months for the immediate food needs of the estimated 31.8 million people living in Chad, Gambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Upper Volta and Cape Verde.

In the longer term, the plan

provides for measures to halt the southward march of the Sahara desert, which advanced 150 kilometres last year.

Bertin Borna, Senegalese director of the UN Sudan-Sahelian Office, said severe crop loss has led to an unparalleled food deficit of 1.6 million tons of cereals in the 1983-1984 agricultural season, with results including hunger, malnutrition and starvation, high infant mortality and accelerated rural migration.

Iranian rebels say prisoners burned to death

PARIS (AP). — Four Iranian political prisoners were deliberately burned to death in a prison in the northern town of Roodasr, the headquarters of the opposition Mujahadeen guerrilla movement

claimed here yesterday.

Saying it had received "a wholly reliable report" on Wednesday, the organization said the prisoners were three Mujahadeen supporters and a fourth "political prisoner."

6 UK soldiers stung in 'honey-trap'

LONDON (AP). — Six Cyprus-based British servicemen charged with betraying official secrets were yesterday ordered held by the military pending further court action. A seventh, facing a lesser charge, was granted bail.

British press reports have said the servicemen, all stationed at Britain's Akrotiri and Episkopi bases on Cyprus and flown back to Britain last Friday, fell into a so-called "honey trap" — they were lured

into bed by women in a plot designed to subject them to blackmail by outraged "husbands," Christopher Hardman, 20, of the Royal Corps of Signals, was released after posting \$6,000. He is charged with "failing to take reasonable care of classified information."

The other men are charged with passing on classified information which might be of use to an enemy, between November and February.

Hungarians plan major economic reform

BUDAPEST (Reuters). — Hungary's Communist Party has agreed on changes to its economic reform programme to increase competitiveness in industry, put more reliance on market forces and introduce bigger wage differentials, Hungarian newspapers said yesterday.

State companies will be made more independent with scope for decision-making and improving technical standards and will be en-

couraged to be more flexible in adapting to market requirements, the papers quoted a party central committee communiqué as saying.

"Economic regulation and competition between companies should create conditions that stimulate every participant of economic life to improve results and performances and to adjust flexibly to market requirements," the communiqué said.

Only few visitors venture into 'gas' pyramid

CAIRO (AP). — Egyptian officials reopened the pyramid of Pharaoh Chephren to visitors yesterday three days after a mysterious gas forced closure of the 4,600-year-old monument.

Only a handful of visitors, most of them Egyptian, ventured into the stone shafts and burial chamber,

where 15 tourists last Monday complained of eye irritation and difficulty in breathing.

Antiquities officials, who asked not to be identified, said the gas probably seeped into the burial chamber through cracks in the floor leading to underground pools of water and sewage beneath the Giza plateau where the pyramid stands.

Solidarity alleges brutality in jails

WARSAW (AP). — Two imprisoned activists of the outlawed Solidarity labour union have begun a hunger strike to protest against beatings of political prisoners, according to an underground newsletter.

The government has acknowledged that two prisoners

are being force-fed at the Barczewo prison in northeast Poland.

The weekly underground paper *Solidarity Information*, dated April 17, charged that authorities in the jail were beating political prisoners, including four Solidarity activists and two members of the nationalistic "Confederation for an Independent Poland — KPN."

The newsletter said prisoners in Barczewo were subjected to "harmful humiliations and brutal harassment." It named Solidarity activists being held in the prison as Edward Baluka, Andrzej Slowik, Wladyslaw Kropiwnicki and Wladyslaw Frasyntuk.

FBI: U.S. crime down 7% last year

WASHINGTON (AP). — The number of serious crimes reported to police in the U.S. dropped 7 per cent in 1983, the FBI said yesterday. It was the second significant decline in two years and the largest drop since 1960.

The 1983 preliminary figures, which are subject to revision, showed declines in all seven major crimes on the FBI crime index, in every region of the nation and in every size community.

The 7 per cent decline compares with a 3 per cent overall decline in 1982, which was the first significant decrease since 1977. There also was a tiny decline in 1981.

FBI Director William Webster noted that since 1960 there has not been a significant two-year drop in reported crime.

The FBI preliminary report said the violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault were down 5 per cent from 1982.

Dissident recants from Siberia exile

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A founder member of an unofficial Moscow peace group who was banished to Siberia last year has said he is quitting the group and considers it should not be taken seriously in the West.

In a letter received by Reuters's Moscow bureau on Wednesday, Oleg Radzinsky said he did not want his name linked with the so-called "Group of Trust" any more and denounced its remaining members and their political views.

Radzinsky — 25 — was sentenced to one year in jail and five years in internal exile last October on charges of anti-Soviet agitation. He had already been in detention for a year and began his exile near Tomsk, in Siberia, at once.

Radzinsky was one of the founders of the unofficial peace group, set up in 1982 with the aim of taking an equally critical attitude towards both U.S. and Soviet nuclear arms policies.

Vietnam bombards Kampuchea camps

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (AP). — Vietnamese artillery pounded Kampuchean resistance camps yesterday and skirmishing between the two sides continued along the Thai-Kampuchea border, Thai military sources said.

Vietnamese troops probed the second of four defence lines in front of Ampil, the main headquarters in the central sector for one major Kampuchean resistance group — the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), Thai military sources in the field said.

The fierce combat of last Saturday and Sunday had lessened by yesterday to daily artillery fire and reconnaissance on the ground, the sources said.

Mondale buoyed by Missouri caucuses

JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri (AP). — Former vice president Walter Mondale says his wide victory in Missouri's caucuses is a "good verdict" that improves his chances of securing the Democratic presidential nomination before the national convention in July.

But rival Gary Hart is blaming his loss on organized labour and he is looking on to the non-union South, where the Reverend Jesse Jackson is also seeking votes and delegates.

"It's pretty much expected," Kathy Bushkin, Hart's press secretary, said last Wednesday as the dimensions of the Colorado senator's loss in Missouri became apparent. "It's all labour," she said.

"This is not anything we didn't expect."

Mondale had said after winning in Pennsylvania last week that he saw a chance of wrapping up the nomination before the Democratic national convention in San Francisco in July. He said Missouri now "puts us down this road toward this nomination."

Missouri Democratic party officials said early yesterday that on the basis of incomplete caucus returns it appeared Mondale had won 53 of the 75 national convention delegates at stake. They said Hart had won 12 national delegates and Jackson five, with five more who could not be determined immediately.

Bombs damage gov't offices in Namibia

WINDHOEK (AP). — Two bomb explosions damaged government offices in South West Africa (Namibia) early yesterday, authorities said. The blasts came five days after an explosion in the same area in the north of the country, killed two U.S. diplomats.

The first explosion yesterday occurred in Oshakati, 40 kilometres south of the Angolan border said Frans Viljoen, secretary of the local government administration board.

He said there were no injuries.

A government spokesman said a second bomb went off in a tribal office in Ondangwa, 30 kilometres southeast of Oshakati, but no other details were available.

No one claimed responsibility for either blast.

Guerrillas of the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO) have waged a 17-year sabotage war against South African rule in the territory.

South Korean students clash with police

SEOUL (Reuters). — Thousands of stone-throwing South Korean students clashed with riot police yesterday in anti-government demonstrations marking the anniversary of a bloody 1960 student revolution.

About 3,000 students of the Presbyterian-sponsored Yonsei University here defied tear gas and anti-riot "pepper fog" canisters thrown by about 1,000 police outside the campus.

Police prevented the students from leaving the campus and demonstrating in the streets with their slogans "Down with fascist dictatorship," "Long live democracy" and "Revive the April revolution."

UK press flays Prince Andrew

LONDON (AP). — Prince Andrew, the second son of Queen Elizabeth II, was dubbed a "Clown Prince" and "Prankster Prince" in British newspapers yesterday after apologizing for spraying reporters and cameramen with white paint in Los Angeles.

Photos of the 24-year-old prince unleashing a mist of white paint were front-paged in many papers, and the main morning radio news programme of the British Broadcasting Corp. concentrated on Andrew's antics. "Royal Squirt," headlined the *Star*.

The spraying occurred Tuesday when Andrew, on a four-day tour of Southern California, visited a housing renovation project.

Oil tanker hit by Iraqi missile in gulf

DUBAI (Reuters). — The oil tanker Rover Star hit by an Iraqi missile at the head of the gulf yesterday is returning to Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal to load crude, shipping sources here said yesterday.

Lloyd's Marine Intelligence in London said on Wednesday the ship was heading for Dubai for a damage survey. But the sources said the Rover Star has reported damage was less serious than first thought

and it was now going back to Kharg instead.

Lloyd's said the ship had reported that it was only a mile from the jetty at Kharg Island when it was hit.

Iraq said it had destroyed two large "naval targets" in the gulf early Wednesday and its air force pilots had seen both vessels ablaze and sinking.

America's oldest man dies at 123

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters). — The man believed to be the oldest American, a foundry worker until his 116th birthday, has died at the age of 123.

Arthur Reed, who had lived in Oakland, California, since 1928, died on Sunday.

Reed claimed to have been born in 1861 in Buffalo, New York. As a child, he left Buffalo with his mother who worked as a cook for the Union army during the Civil War.

In 115 years of employment, he worked on railroads, oil wells and saw mills, and at the Oakland foundry.

SHE HELPED KILL A GENERAL

U.S. rejects Nicaraguan choice of envoy

WASHINGTON (AP). — A heroine of the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua who helped kill a general there has been rejected by President Ronald Reagan's administration as the next Nicaraguan ambassador to Washington.

Nora Astorga, a twice-married mother of four who is in her late 30's, has freely admitted her role as an accomplice in the March 8, 1978, bedroom slaying of Gen. Reynaldo Perez Vega, the deputy commander of the national guard.

In confirming her rejection by Washington, a U.S. official, who asked not to be identified, said the administration felt Astorga would not be an appropriate envoy in view of the 1978 incident.

A veteran Sandinista who has a law degree and has studied in the U.S. and Italy, Astorga has publicly

discussed the events leading up to the slaying of Perez Vega who, according to unconfirmed reports, had been a Central Intelligence Agency informer.

The original plan, Astorga has said, was to kidnap Perez Vega and exchange him for 59 prisoners. She invited Perez Vega to her home in a middle-class residential neighbourhood in Managua.

"Perez Vega accepted my invitation, but according to the plan, five friends already were hidden in different rooms," she once told

reporters. "When he arrived he wanted to go directly to what he had come for and we went to my room, where I disarmed him. Then my friends came out and tried to dominate him, but he was a strong man and resisted, so they had to kill him."

A week after the slaying, a letter with her signature was published by the anti-Somoza newspaper *La Prensa* acknowledging her participation in an "operation to bring justice" to the general.

Sports

Perkis wins, but gets a fright

BY JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

RAMAT HASHARON. — Top-seeded Shahar Perkis retained his men's singles title yesterday at the Israel Tennis Association's 42nd annual Pessah International Championships here, by means of a 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 victory in the final over Swedish qualifier Roger Losquist in the cool of the evening. Sagit Doron took the women's crown, edging Sarit Shalev 6-4, 7-5 in a 150-minute marathon last round.

The 1,000 spectators on hand at the Israel Tennis Centre watched in amazement as the 18-year-old Swedish player kept his nerve in front in the first set of his final against Perkis, leading 3-1 and 4-3 and getting within two or three points of taking it at 5-4 and 6-5. Tremendously quick about the court — in contrast to the rather ponderous Perkis — he seized his game superbly, scoring with crashing

forehands, backhand passing shots, like no stop-volley.

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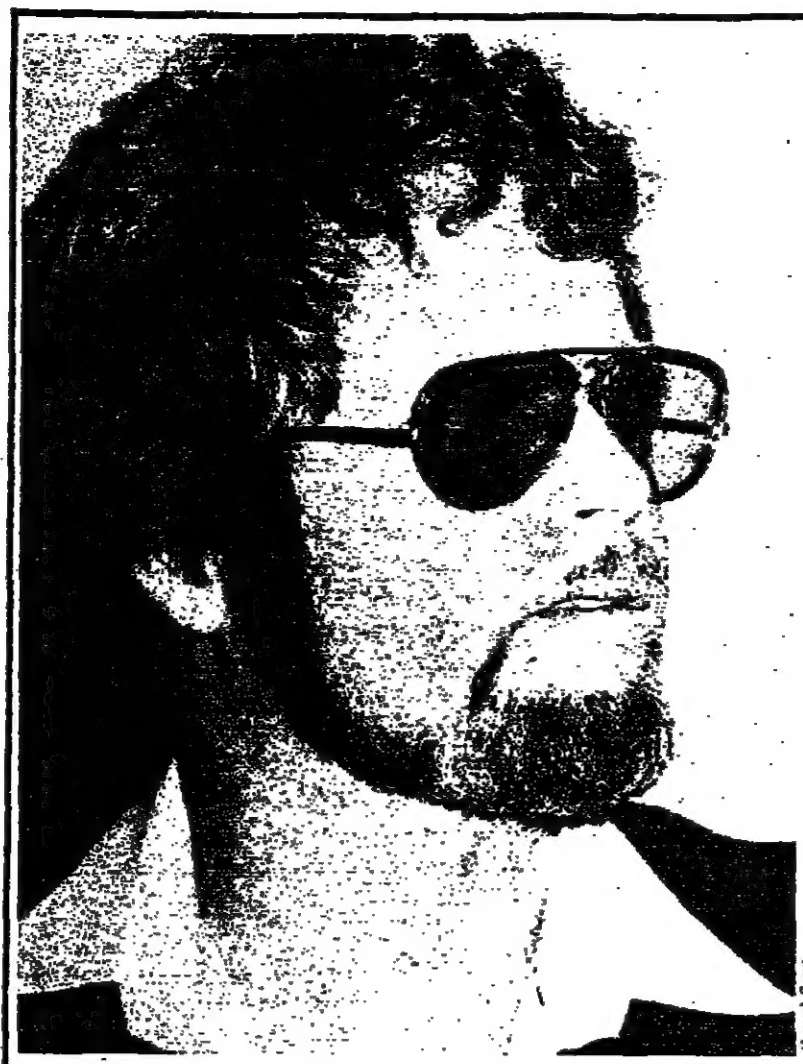
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THE VIEW FROM HERUT

Post Political Correspondent Mark Segal talks to Michael Reiser MK



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manipulation of the Labour economy."

"All employees of Bank Hapoalim have been ordered to appear for the May day march," he asserted, wanting to know whether such compulsion jibed with the opposition's talk of democracy.

THE LIKUD did not intend to be on the defensive in its campaign strategy. On the contrary, it intended to maintain the offensive from the start of the campaign.

"We intend showing up the Alignment's pretence of offering an alternative to the Likud government. What kind of alternative are they offering? All we see so far are the men and the ideas of the '70s and the '60s. The electorate must see that Labour has not changed and that the reasons why it lost power will hold good."

He agilely side-stepped the issue of the Likud's leadership team for the campaign. "We don't have to copy Labour. They speak of their top trio, while we will have our natural leadership from the first of the seven with Premier Shamir as our No. 1."

Was he discounting Menachem Begin as a factor in the campaign, or did he, like some pundits, expect Begin to come to Herut's rescue at the last moment?

Reiser said that the Likud had to mould its campaign on the assumption that Begin would be watching from the sidelines for the first time since 1948.

"Naturally, if he should come to our aid in the end, it would prove a tremendous boost. His influence is greater today than it has ever been. If he does join our campaign, that might prove to be our secret weapon. But I will recommend my colleagues to organize our campaign as if Menachem Begin will not be involved. I am sure that we will find the right answer to cope with his absence."

He did not find unattractive the idea mooted in the press that the Likud campaigners arm themselves with a recording of a Begin appeal to voters, to be played at the start of each election meeting.

The Likud campaign structure has yet to be decided on by campaign chairman David Levy, who will be working in close consultation with Premier Shamir. Reiser says, reporting that the deputy premier will move from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv to run the campaign im-

mediately after Pessah. He was not quite certain about the nature of his own precise role in the campaign, but one assumes he will be working closely with Levy. What is already clear is that the Likud will maintain a lean operation and—as in 1981—base itself largely on party activities in the field and the many volunteers already offering their services.

"Unlike Labour, we don't have a big machine to work with," he did not forget to point out.

MICHAEL REISER has established himself during his first Knesset term as one of the harder-working government MKs. Unlike some of his party colleagues, he has managed to maintain comradely relations with men on the other end of the party spectrum. Reiser was among the initiators of the MKs' football team, which certainly takes the sting out of the ideological differences that have deepened during the outgoing Knesset's term.

I found the redheaded MK busy canvassing support by telephone among his party's Central Committee members for the crucial votes for his re-nomination. As he told me, "Of course, I'm working hard at it, otherwise the Tenth Knesset will be my last one." He explained that there was absolutely no connection between one's past service in the cause of one's party and one's placement on the list.

He refused to make any predictions about possible new faces on the list.

"For obvious reasons, I can hardly indicate who will be on the list and who won't. What's for sure is that the most significant change is that this will be the first time that Herut and the Likud enters an election without Menachem Begin as our leader."

Reiser was persuaded that Tami would return two to three MKs at the most, but it would fail to dominate the electoral arena with the communal issue. He abhorred Tami's tactics, finding they raised communal antagonism throughout the country. It was already apparent that the main parties were doing their best to tackle the problem of due representation of all elements in the population. He thought that Herut was succeeding the most in the sphere of integrating a balanced representation of all the communities.

Reiser's parting assurance was that Ariel Sharon would be asked to fill a key role in the election campaign alongside the other front benchers.

"We can hardly forgo even one of them, after all, he is very much of a draw to a particular segment of the electorate. That must always be kept in mind."

valueless in practical terms. The placement on the party list will be decided when the Central Committee chooses the sevens.

In Reiser's view, Herut, as a party going to the electorate for the first time in its history minus Menachem Begin, could not afford the luxury of "an ego trip, even of such an outstanding personality as Ariel Sharon."

Reiser takes the liberty of speaking so openly because he was one of those who pressed David Levy not to fight Shamir. If the deputy premier had flung his hat into the ring, the result would have been even. But out of a sense of responsibility to party unity, he decided at the last minute not to challenge Shamir.

"David Levy had a fair chance of winning, but he stood down, while Sharon, who himself contended that he didn't stand a chance, did not. Let's say therein lies the difference between the two men."

TALKING OF Sharon's chances when it comes to apportioning him a place on the Likud list, Reiser reminded me that in 1977, in the wake of the merger of his two-MK Shalomzion Party in the Likud, his group was automatically accorded 10 per cent of the vote of the Central Committee, and it was "no big deal" for commentators to predict that he will get much this time.

"He already has that much in his pocket. To the best of my knowledge of the internal party set-up, the kernel of his support was not expanded beyond the powerbase he brought with him in 1977. In 1981 he did not get the first place in the first seven, and I can safely predict that he won't do better this time either."

Was there any parallel with the situation in the Labour Party, where Yitzhak Rabin's supporters insist on translating his 30 per cent of the party convention's vote on the leadership into concrete terms in apportioning positions on the Knesset list?

Reiser said there was no parallel between the inner workings of the two parties. But the first to be interested in representation according to the size of his support should have been David Levy, and he wasn't interested. He pointed out that in 1981, when David Levy came immediately after Menachem Begin, he himself, as Levy's party campaign manager, only managed to be elected among the third series of seven, making him 22nd on Herut's list and No. 45 on the Likud ticket. Thus, being a member of a particular camp does not ensure one's placement. Hence he was sure that David Magen's position on the list would not simply reflect his adherence to the Sharon camp. For various reasons, he would enjoy the support of people from other parts of Herut.

HOW DID Reiser stand on the demand for revising the party agreement with the Liberals? He was very much for it.

"Inside Herut, there is maximum support—whether in the branches, or among MKs for a radical change in the status quo. With all due respect to the Likud and Gahal, the existing situation could no longer continue. It was quite intolerable that a future Likud government should have to constantly expend its energies in collective therapy of all those prima donnas in the cabinet and the Knesset faction. Instead of attending to legislation, we had to concentrate on fire-fighting."

He reminded me that the country was now facing early elections not just because of the shift of Tami or Mordechai Ben-Porat, "but because three MKs who were elected on the Likud slate voted with the opposition. I refer to Yitzhak Peretz and Amnon Lino, who moved over to Labour, and

Yitzhak Berman of the Liberals. "We have learned our lesson, and we have no intention of any such repetition in the future."

Expressing in moderate language what his fellow Herutists talk of in much stronger terms, Reiser said:

"There is absolutely no justification whatsoever for the Liberals having 18 out of our 50 seats. That is unjustifiable in proportion to their electoral strength and their drawing power. There is no such thing as a Catholic marriage in Israeli politics. I am very much for maintaining the Likud and Gahal, but I also insist that we honour the unanimous decision of the Likud Convention in 1981, when it was resolved to unite the Likud parties. I'm very much for the Liberals joining us in choosing our candidates for the Likud list. I am ready to concede that they should enjoy a special quota of seats, but not the exaggerated numbers as at present."

Did he favour the moves to form a national bloc around the Likud including Tehiya, Rafael Eitan's Tzomet and Hanan Porat?

The Herut organization chief did not take to the idea in the least. His firm opposition to such a bloc derived from electoral considerations. It would put off middle-of-the-road voters and send them to Labour, Weizman's Yahad and Shinui, he said, adding that the Likud would lose right-wing voters who would seek out the ultra-right factions such as Rabbi Kahane's, or even opt for the religious-nationalist list. So there would be no net gain, and possibly a loss. "I will do my utmost to prevent the formation of such an electoral bloc," he declared decisively.

THE CENTRAL issues of the election campaign would be "the struggle for the Land of Israel. We will confront the electorate with a clear choice between our political concepts and those of the Labour Alignment."

Here Reiser gave an intimation of the dovish tone of the coming campaign when he noted sarcastically that Labour's programme "has been heartily welcomed by King Hussein and by the Egyptians." He gave a further indication of the emerging Likud line when he noted: "The dovish wing of the Alignment lately

received a weighty reinforcement in the person of Yitzhak Navon. Going beyond any personal liking one may have for him, we must always keep in mind that his views are very close to those held by Yossi Sarid. One's sympathies for Navon as an individual notwithstanding, we must always remember that what is at stake is the very survival of our country and the future of Eretz Yisrael."

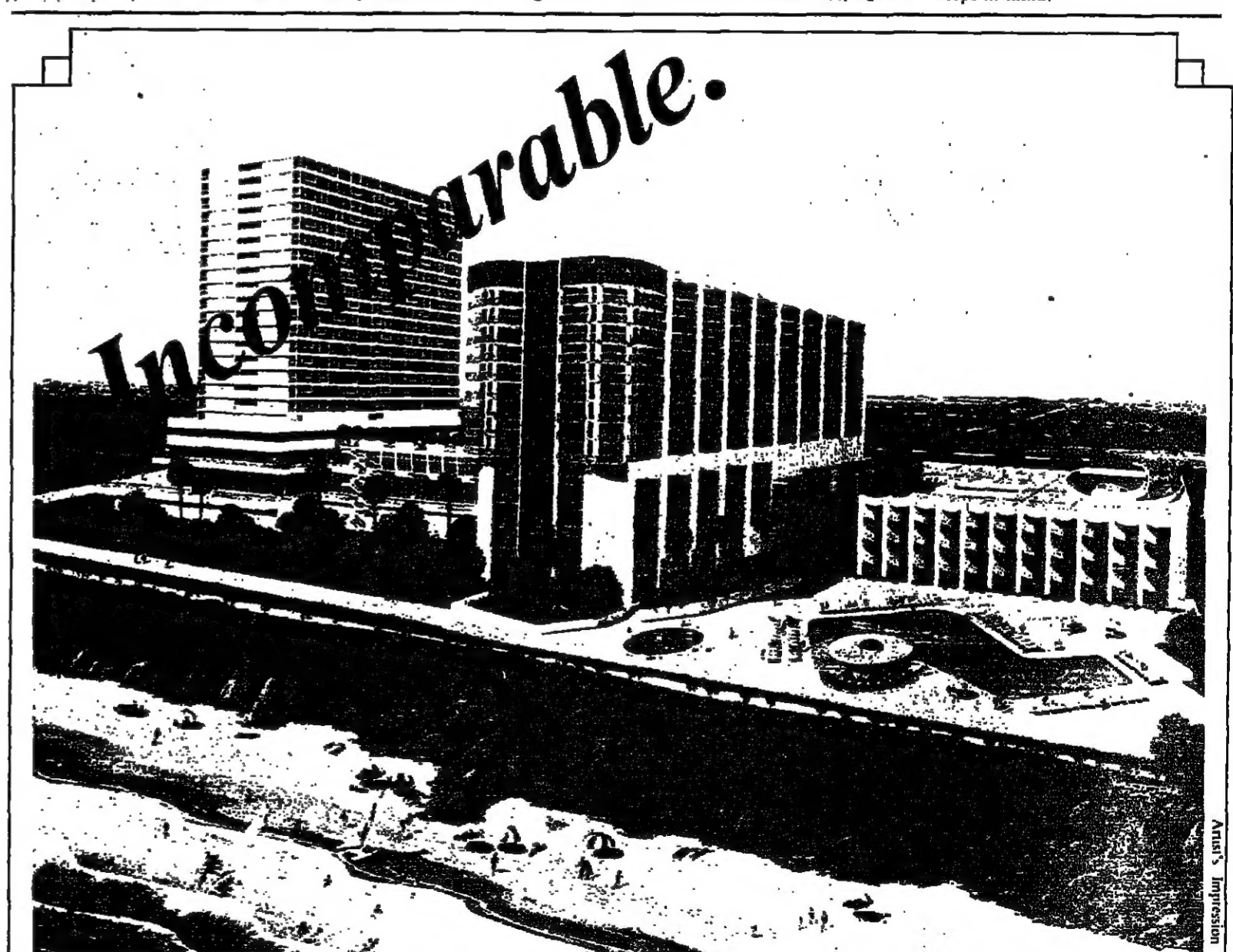
Reiser said the Likud was ready to counter the Alignment's emergency campaign strategy, which they expect to focus in great part on the continuing presence of our troops in Southern Lebanon, as well as the war there.

"For our part, we will advise the citizens of Israel to tour the northern part of the country and talk to people there, especially in

the kibbutzim, and witness how they no longer need to hide from terrorist shelling in shelters. We want voters to remember where the PLO and Yasser Arafat stood before June 1982 and today. We will also remind the public of statements made by Labour leaders during the war. We will refresh people's minds about the militant declarations of such Labour front-benchers as Motta Gur on the one hand, and those who advocated unilateral withdrawal on the other."

On economic issues, the Likud intended taking the offensive:

"We will not leave the field to the sole occupancy of Labour," he promised. The opposition party would be forced to explain its economic policies, which so far were non-existent. The Likud would ask questions about the Alignment's



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Pride of Manchester

By HYAM CORNEY/Post London Correspondent

THE CITY of Manchester prides itself on its reputation for always being in the forefront. "What Manchester does today," the saying goes, "London does tomorrow."

It is the home of the second-largest Jewish community in Britain (with some 40,000 Jews, compared with a quarter of a million in London) and its own Jewish museum, which has just been opened. And in this case, it cannot claim a first over London, it certainly far

outstrips the interesting but inadequately housed Jewish Museum in the capital.

The Manchester Jewish Museum is in the heart of what used to be the Jewish area of the city. It is, in fact, a converted synagogue which was built in Victorian times - 1873 - for the Sephardi community.

In recent years, as the Jews moved out to more salubrious suburbs, the synagogue fell into disuse and was in danger of being pulled down or converted - like other synagogues in the

area - into a bingo hall, a cinema or even shops.

Built by the distinguished Victorian architect Edward Salomon, the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue is the last surviving symbol of Jewish life of that era in that district, which once provided a home for over 25,000 East European Jewish immigrants.

The idea of saving the synagogue and turning it into a museum was first mooted some six years ago. Bill Williams, a local (non-Jewish) historian, who has taken a great interest in the history of Manchester Jewry, wrote an authoritative account of its early days and then set up a project at Manchester Polytechnic to rescue old photographs and archive material.

The following year, in 1979, Rickie Burman, a young Jewish graduate from nearby Liverpool, who had studied anthropology in Cambridge, arrived on the scene and set about injecting a little life into the whole project.

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Liberalism unleashed

By DAVID LANDAU

"OUR FACTION has not yet convened to decide which candidate we support in the race for the party's No. 1 spot. But of course the faction's decision is not binding. If a faction member says that on grounds of conscience he would prefer to vote for one of the other two candidates, he is entitled to do so."

The speaker is an impressive young man from Tel Aviv, Ze'ev Refuah, chief executive of a successful computer company, member of the Tel Aviv municipal council (sanitation portfolio), and member of the 247-man Liberal Party central committee. His description of the workings of his faction sounds impressive too, until it emerges that the faction has just three members.

"But we are the wave of the future in the party," Refuah asserts. "We're not really a faction, we're a group. Three relatively young men, all lawyers, all successful in their fields: Gad Asulin, the leader, Willy Yitzhaki from Ra'anana and myself. We are linked to other similar groups in the central committee."

Asulin is running, along with close to 150 other members of the central committee, for a "realistic" place on the party's Knesset list. But unlike most of the other candidates, says Refuah, he has a realistic chance of being elected.

"Most of the candidates are merely men of straw," Refuah explains. "They haven't got a hope. But they think to themselves, 'Why not stand? It doesn't cost anything. It just means making 200-odd phone calls.' So they run, and interfere

with the serious contenders." Just then, the phone goes. Refuah is hale and expansive. "You can definitely put a tick against my name," he says into the receiver. "You are one of the most suitable people to be in the Knesset. I'll do everything I can for you. You know I'm telling you the truth."

Later Refuah — naturally — includes the caller's name in the list he gives me of "serious" contenders. He names about a dozen men, alongside the present 18 MKs, not one of whom is apparently prepared to step down unless he is kicked down.

Would Refuah have included the man's name had the man not phoned just then? Will he in fact vote for him? How does the man know he is telling him "the truth"? How, indeed, does anyone know anything in this weird and wonderful party where endemic infighting is pursued with vitriolic vigour against a backdrop of quicksilver allegiances?

"IT'S GREAT," says Ariel Weinstein MK, journalist-turned politician fighting to retain his Knesset seat. "A living, vibrant party! Democracy in action. With us there's no bossism like in Labour, where four or five men, remote

from the rank-and-file, fix things in advance and people are told how to vote."

On paper, at any rate, he has a point. The central committee was elected by the council. The council was elected by the convention. The convention was elected by 23,000 registered party members. And now the central committee, in secret ballots, will elect the leader and the Knesset slate. A paragon of democracy.

Or is it a parody of democracy, as Herut claims, because all these levels of jostling, jousting politicians represent no one but themselves?

Believers of the Liberals argue that the party's unrelenting, remorseless infighting is itself the best proof that it has no constituency. If it had one, it would put its house in order, if only out of shame. Since it has no voters, it need have no shame.

That argument, however, begs the question. If the Liberals were forced to go it alone, that is, to attract voters, they would presumably put an end to their internecine strife. The hitherto carefree comfort of their situation inside Likud, perhaps, perpetuates their free-for-all.

Indeed, Herut itself has provided convincing evidence of the Liberals' resilience by raising the demand that the Gahal agreement be amended.

The reaction has proved not only that there can be life after death for the Liberals, but that unity is possible in chaos, despite the laws of physics. Yitzhak Moda'i and Moshe Nissim, the two frontrunners for the leadership, spoke out with one voice, directly warning against any "attempt to tamper unilaterally" with the hallowed agreement. (They could not resist wrangling, however, over which of them had been responsible for keeping Herut chained to the agreement until now, and which of them would take the kudos if Herut eventually retracted its threat this time too.)

Right through the ranks there has been a united gnashing of teeth at the very thought that the Liberals might have to give up any of their safe slots to Herut.

Said Moda'i: "Airing the issue has already done grave damage to the Likud cause. Persisting with it will only do more and worse damage."

Said Nissim: "It was this combination of Herut and the Liberals

that brought about a change of government; and only this combination, in the same proportions, can ensure continued success."

Ariel Weinstein was even more forthright: "If the two parties go it alone, there will be no more Likud government because so many votes will have been lost."

Ze'ev Refuah too is anxious to avoid a split. "I don't want to go home," he says frankly, using the Hebrew idiom denoting a premature retirement from active politics.

But Refuah, slightly iconoclastic and with less to lose than the incumbent office-holders, says there might have been a fairly strong groundswell within the Liberal Party itself to resume its independence, in the face of the looming Sharon takeover of Herut — were it not for the coincidence between Sharon's comeback in Herut and the internal elections in the Liberals.

The spectre of Sharon's return rattled at least some Liberals. But, says Refuah, "people are afraid to speak out now, to say what they really think. After all, nearly everyone's a candidate." And what candidate would advocate a course which would inevitably mean some reduction in the party's Knesset complement?

MOSHE NISSIM only agreed to talk to me when I promised to take up Yitzhak Moda'i's time too. Time is the two men's most precious commodity as they systematically plough through the list of central committee members in earnest telephone calls, group-meetings, and one-on-one sweat-sessions. With the campaign less than three weeks long, they are both working almost around the clock.

Nissim contends that as an observant Jew he is at a distinct disadvantage because he cannot use his telephone on Sabbaths and festivals. "Eight days net loss," he says ruefully. "If you include Erev Shabbat and Erev Hag." But Moda'i too is a regular synagogue-goer, and has "wasted" Sabbath and festival morning hours importuning God rather than the central committee members.

Supporters of both men say the contest is neck-and-neck between them, with Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor only an also-ran. The race seems to accentuate the characteristics for which they are known best: Nissim is outwardly calmer than ever, and even more elliptical in speech; Moda'i is particularly ebullient, and cuttily pugnacious.

Nissim: The vote will not be factional. There could even be members of my faction who will not vote for me.

Moda'i: There is a coalition of factions behind Nissim. He is merely the front-man for others (i.e. Gideon Patai — D.L.). Perhaps they intend to topple him once he achieves

the leadership, and install themselves. Otherwise why aren't they standing? After all, for years they've said they want the leadership.

Nissim: As one who has distanced himself from the leadership wrangles over the years, I could bring harmony to the party, broad understanding, an end to tension and nervousness. I represent moderation and synthesis.

Moda'i: Good qualities, perhaps, for a synagogue president, but not for a political leader. I believe I have the personal qualifications to lead the party in its current difficult, far-from-ideal situation. Moreover, I have the broad-based support I require to do so. As for Nissim's being a "new face," he is just about the oldest face we've got. He's been in the Knesset since around the age of 23.

Nissim: The infighting has tarnished our image. The previous leadership has proved powerless to put things right.

Moda'i: Nissim was one of those who steadily sought to undermine me. There was no elected leader after Simcha Ehrlich's death. But for the purposes of casting blame, it's convenient to refer to me as leader.

Nissim: This is not a nasty contest. One can hardly help wondering what nasty contests are like in the Liberal Party.

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SIGNIFICANT CENTRE

By YOSEF GOELL

THE LARGE bloc of wavering voters in the middle will be the ones who will determine which of the two major political camps — the Likud or the Alignment — will form the next government.

In case the division among these voters is not sufficiently decisive, then the small parties in the middle — the National Religious Party, fielding one or two lists, Agudat Yisrael, also in one or two wings, Tami and a minuscule Weizman list — will play a decisive role. These two factors, the floating vote in the centre and the small parties, were the decisive ones in the last two elections, as opposed to Israel's first eight elections in which the results made it impossible to form a coalition government without Labour at its centre. What was different the last two times around was that the two major blocs — or camps — became approximately evenly balanced. Another factor that came to the fore in the last two elections and can be expected to be crucial in the next is that of negative voting — the motivation of many voters to vote not for a specific party, but against one. Their choice is determined not so much by enthusiasm for leading candidates or for a party

but by their perception of who is the lesser of the evils, the less unsavoury or threatening of the two major blocs.

This penchant for negative voting will be especially important among the vacillating voters of the centre who will decide this election. In this regard there is an interesting parallelism between the two major blocs.

Labour Party leftist Yossi Sarid and Mapam may or may not attract votes to the Alignment away from the splinter groupings to the left of Labour. But this will be of no importance in deciding who will form the next government. Sarid and Mapam, however, may well frighten away a significant number of voters in the centre from the Alignment either to the Likud or to Ezer Weizman's new list.

On the right, Arik Sharon and Rafel Eitan will contend for votes that will go either to Tehiya or the Likud. Those fluctuations, however, will also have no effect on which of the two major blocs will form the

next government. But Arik Sharon's surprisingly strong showing in the recent vote in the Herut Central Committee and the logical temptation to identify post-Begin Herut with Sharon's aggressive personality can only lose votes for the Likud among the all-important voters in the centre.

In the first month of a characteristically over-long election campaign of four-and-a-half months, Labour is doing much better than the Likud in the polls and Labour has the better image in terms of putting one's house in order. Labour has managed to skirt the nagging problem of the Peres-Rabin enmity and to incorporate a popular vote-getter, Yitzhak Navon, in its first rank team, as opposed to its internal disarray the last two times around.

THE LIKUD, on the contrary, is

just entering a period of troubles. There is Sharon's challenge to the present party triumvirate of Shamir-Levy-Arens, and the question of the perpetuation of the Gahal pact between Herut and the Liberals with two of its major protagonists, Begin and Simcha Ehrlich, gone from the political arena. These troubles can be expected to intensify until the end of May, when the party lists for the polls must be officially finalized.

In speaking of public opinion polls, one must always keep in mind that they gave Labour an unprecedented absolute majority four months prior to the last elections, a prediction that was upset by events and the most brutal campaign in Israel's political history.

This time, too, the polls are giving Labour a big advantage over the Likud, but many voters in the centre can have their minds

changed in time, too, before July 23 rolls around.

The major issues that will dominate the campaign are clear; but the political conclusions that voters will draw from them are not as unequivocal.

Take Lebanon. There is today a broad consensus in the country that the war in Lebanon went wrong. Even those on the far right agree, but they argue that the Labour "traitors" were responsible and that the mistake was in "not letting Arik finish the job" as he originally conceived it.

In the centre, however, there is the nagging suspicion among many that although the Likud must be held responsible for dragging the country into this most ruinously divisive war, neither the Likud nor Labour has any idea of how to get out of the morass in Lebanon without inviting renewed PLO attacks on Galilee.

The appointment of Moshe Arens to succeed Sharon as defence

minister over a year ago and Begin's subsequent resignation constituted *de facto* repudiations of the policies that guided the first months of the war. But Shamir and Arens have not dared to articulate that repudiation in full, for understandable internal political reasons.

Similarly, Yoram Aridor's forced resignation and Cohen-Orag's appointment to succeed him as Shamir last October constituted a *de facto* repudiation of Aridor's disastrous economic policy of the previous two years. But Cohen-Orag has not provided in the last half year persuasive evidence that the cabinet and Likud political bodies are behind him in his policies of staying-off-economic-catastrophe.

Lebanon and the economy, if persuasively argued, will work in favour of Labour. The Likud will counter by emphasizing fears over a possible Labour and Peres "sellout" to Arafat and Hussein on the issue of the West Bank.

THE CHURCH of the Likud has long been split on this issue and the other aspects of the Israel-Arab conflict. But, again, the important thing is to keep one's eye on the political centre. These voters are far

from being Beginist or Tehiya ideologues on the issue of the territories, but they are definitely more hawkish than the articulated positions of the Alignment and the stance adopted by Peres in the past six years. (For those who may not remember, Peres' actions in regard to the West Bank when he was defence minister were not much different in substance from Begin's during his first government.)

On this issue one of the Alignment's major potential problems is already visible: the repeated statements being broadcast by King Hussein, and some PLO leaders and other "well-wishers" that they are awaiting a Labour victory at the polls. These statements may prove to be a major milestone around Labour's neck, and it should be interesting to see how Peres will respond to them.

At this early stage in the campaign, it is reasonable to expect Labour to do better at the polls than it did in 1981; but it is still very far from certain that it will do well enough to enable it to form a viable, if not indeed, any government coalition.

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Where old age begins at forty

By Aryeh Rubinstein

IF 74-YEAR-OLD Zvi Renner is not re-elected to the Knesset, he will receive a pension of 68 per cent after only three years in the House.

One term in the Knesset yields him 20 per cent, as it does for every member who has reached 40 when he ceases to serve. The 20 per cent applies even if the Knesset is dissolved before its normal four-year period. Thus, in the present Knesset, of some 37 months' duration, members will earn about 6.5 per cent a year towards their pension.

As if all this were not sufficiently munificent (compare the 2-per-cent-a-year pension of an ordinary worker), another rule grants an MK who is 50 or over when he leaves the

House an additional 2 per cent a year for each year by which his age exceeds 50.

For Renner, this means that the basic 20 per cent for his one term is supplemented by 24x2, making a total of 68 per cent. If the Knesset had lasted a normal four years, he would have reached the top. The 70 per cent maximum is the only point where MK's pensions resemble those of ordinary mortals.

Renner's case is unusual in that it is not often that someone enters the Knesset when he is past 70. But it is

not extreme. The entire pension scheme for Knesset members is putrid, a scheme in more than one sense of the word.

Compared with the pension of the average worker, Renner's 68 per cent is no more "extreme" than the 30 per cent that will be paid to members who have served only in the Tenth Knesset and are 55 when it is dissolved in August. Or than the 50 per cent to members who are 50 and served in the Ninth Knesset too.

The typical MK who enters the Knesset in his early fifties has already earned at least a 50 per cent pension for the 25 years he has already worked; and if he was a government worker, his pension credits are merged with those he earns in the Knesset. Even if his man was self-employed, he has surely taken advantage of the income tax credits for making his own pension arrangements. So why this profligacy with public funds?

NOR IS RENNER'S case more "extreme" than that of an early starter like Ehud Olmert, who can retire on a comfortable pension in his early forties.

Olmert was born in 1945 and has been an MK since 1974, from the beginning of the Eighth Knesset. If the present Knesset had lived out its span and he were not re-elected, he would have begun to receive a 60 per cent pension for life (20 per cent per Knesset). Beginning at the age of 40!

At the present writing, it appears that the House Committee will rescind its recent resolution designed to ensure pensions to members pushing 40, who would have been "cheated" out of a pension because of the early elections. But if the resolution stands, Olmert will qualify for such a pension after less than 11 years in the House.

Olmert will probably be re-elected, so in his case all this may be academic. But were he to want an early pension, he could resign after two-and-a-half years in the Eleventh Knesset and get the maximum of 70 per cent. (It is two-and-a-half and not two, because when a member serves less than a full term he earns "only" 4 per cent a year.)

No one contends that a man of 40 or 45 is all washed up, and this is not even true of the typical MK who leaves the Knesset at 50 or 55. But from the prodigality of the MK's pension plan, one would think that

an ex-MK over the age of 39 is a likely candidate for the poorhouse.

Olmert's case stands in such utter contradiction to any such thought that it may serve as the ultimate argument for raising the minimum pension age. He is one of the three MKs whose private law practice is such that their colleagues describe their Knesset salaries as pocket-money.

ACCORDING to a table prepared by the Knesset library staff, 65 is the minimum pension age for members of parliament in Britain, Ireland and Holland; 60 in Italy and Finland; 55 in France and Belgium; and 50 in Sweden. Is this what Isaiah meant by "a light unto the nations"?

To him that hath shall be given. The pension that MKs get does not come alone. Along with it is the right to receive all government publications free of charge, on a par with serving MKs. And the right to free railway and bus travel.

In addition, the pensioner is entitled to the same number of free telephone calls as the serving MK, which now stands at over 2,000 local calls a month (25,000 a year) or their equivalent in long-distance or overseas calls.

Above all, the pensioner and his family have a right to obtain, at government expense, medical services and pharmaceuticals that are not available on Kupat Holim membership. This includes extended nursing care, expensive drugs, and medical treatment abroad. This is the only benefit that is "inherited" by the widow and children of an MK.

A total of 209 former MKs or their survivors are now receiving Knesset pensions, which came to over IS21 million for the month of March, or a monthly average of over IS100,000 per pensioner. This does not include the value of the auxiliary benefits.

Presumably in the name of equality, the husband of a woman MK qualifies for a pension upon her death, and the husband of a woman pensioner starts inheriting her pension when she dies.

But a woman MK becomes eligible for a pension at 35 and not 40; begins accruing that extra 2 per cent a year at 45 instead of 50; and gets a minimum pension of 50 per cent after two Knesset terms at 45 instead of 50. If Labour's women MKs have demanded equality on

these points, I am not aware of it.

Like government workers, MKs do not contribute anything to their own pensions. But whereas the widow of a civil servant receives 40 per cent of his last salary, or 60 per cent of his pension if he was a pensioner, the widow of an MK, in both cases, gets his full pension.

THERE ARE other office-holders with exorbitant pensions and auxiliary privileges: the president of the state, government ministers and deputy ministers, judges, the chief rabbi, the state comptroller, the governor of the Bank of Israel, dayanim, kadis, ministry directors-general and the clerk of the Knesset. In fact, their rights to medical care exceed those of the MKs.

But they do not set their own pay, pensions, and perquisites: the Knesset does. Knesset members are the only group of office-holders who decide these small matters on their own behalf. No one is fooled when the Knesset does this indirectly by setting the salaries and pension rights of ministers and then linking itself to them.

In such a ball game, it would take a team of saints to remain honourable. The felony is compounded when the House enhances the financial rights not only of members of future Knessets, but for itself.

Thus, paragraph 2(a) of the relevant House Committee resolution, which credits members who serve in a short Knesset with a full 20 per cent, was adopted by the Eighth Knesset in early 1977, after early elections had been decided on. The whole point was to give a few MKs a pension 10 per cent higher than they would otherwise have received.

The same exercise was repeated early this month, when paragraph 2(b) was drafted in order to ensure a pension for Law Committee chairman Eliezer Kulas, who otherwise would have been about two weeks short of 40 when the Tenth Knesset dispersed.

IT WAS KULAS, by the way, who headed the subcommittee that drafted a code of ethics that even the parent House Committee found too mild.

And when he addressed the Israel Association on Parliamentary Problems in January 1983 in a symposium on "Conduct Befitting a Knesset Member," he said: "The Knesset, which passes laws for the entire nation, should be competent to pass laws concerning itself."

The closest the House came to debating this whole subject was in March 1981, when Gushia Cohen raised it in a motion for the agenda before a hostile Knesset. House Committee chairman Moshe Meron accused her of demagoguery and hypocrisy, and Akiva Nof asked whether she wanted a Knesset in which only the rich could afford to serve.

When she decried the impropriety of the Knesset's fixing its own salary and other privileges, Yosef Tamir (then of Shinui) called

out: "That's the way it is all over the world. Without exception."

Tamir couldn't have been more mistaken. An information sheet prepared by the Knesset library describes, albeit briefly, Australia's remuneration tribunal, Britain's review body of top salaries, and the systems adopted in other countries to avoid the crudeness of parliamentarians determining their own pay and perks.

But where ignorance is so profitable, who wants to know?

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ELECTION ANALYSIS

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TURNING to policy areas, the April survey shows that the further decline in coalition support touched mainly new areas.

Survey	May 1983	December 1983	April 1984
Economic areas	22	11	12
Social policy area	36	28	29
Defence	55	49	40
Foreign policy	38	53	40
General opinion of government	38	31	24

Between December 1983 and April 1984, the sharpest declines in the evaluation of the success of government actions were in the areas of defence and foreign policy. The defence rating, undoubtedly associated with the war in Lebanon, reached a new low; only 40 per cent felt the government was succeeding or mainly succeeding. Over the past decade, Israeli governments traditionally have received successful ratings of 60 per cent on defence. The even sharper decline in the foreign policy rating is probably defence-related as well, connected particularly with the American pull-back from Beirut.

In the economic and social policy areas, the government scored fractional gains. But these have no statistical significance. The December 1983 rating for the economic area was the lowest for an Israeli government in the past decade, and the current improvement is of a minor nature.

The overall rating of the government also fell very sharply. Twenty-four per cent saw the government as generally succeeding. The trend in overall government performance roughly paralleled that of the decline in Likud support, but was much lower than support levels for the coalition parties.

Traditionally, there has always been a gap between political party preference for government parties, and ratings of the government's performance. Israelis are bad judges of their government in action. But these harsh judgements do not always affect their votes. Though

"In your opinion, is the government succeeding or not succeeding in its activities in the following areas? (percentage of those answering 'succeeding' and 'mainly succeeding')"

active party affiliation has declined rapidly in recent decades, party preferences remain strong. FOR THE FIRST TIME in recent polls, coalition leaders have begun to lose public approval. Approximately 46 per cent of those polled in April felt that Yitzhak Shamir was doing a good job as prime minister, down from 52 per cent in the December poll. Yigal Cohen-Orag's decline was milder, from 36 per cent to 32 per cent. David Levy's rating also fell, from 60 per cent to 54 per cent.

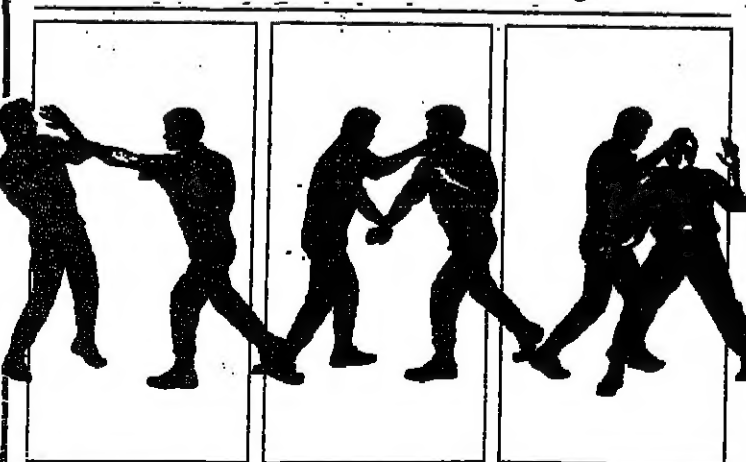
The minister suffering the sharpest decline was Moshe Arens. In December 1983, 72 per cent of those sampled thought he was doing a good job as defence minister. In the recent poll approval dropped to 59 per cent, still higher than other ministers, but 13 per cent below the earlier rating.

In the shadows, Arik Sharon, whose personal approval rating had fallen to 34 per cent in December, crept up to 35 per cent, against the trend of other ministers. This figure was still quite low. But as he received negligible support from opposition voters, his showing was impressive among Likud supporters. And it must be stressed that the poll ended just before the surprise vote at the Herut convention.

Still, despite the declines in approval for most key Likud ministers, the leadership rated far above ratings of actual performance in the public eye. But all that counts in the end is the vote in the envelope. At this time, overall, the opposition has a narrow lead.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

LITTLE FANFARE was given by *The New York Times* to its formal announcement the other day that Thomas Friedman would replace David Shipler this summer as the newspaper's Jerusalem Bureau chief. But the matter was by no means routine.

Friedman, the Beirut bureau chief who deservedly won a Pulitzer Prize for his coverage of the fighting in Lebanon in 1982, will be the first Jewish correspondent sent by *The Times* to head the Israeli bureau since the early days of the Jewish state. He was selected for the important and highly sought-after assignment because he was by far the most qualified person for it on the newspaper's staff. Among other things, he is fluent in Arabic and knows some Hebrew. Most important, he is an outstanding journalist who understands the Middle East. What makes all of this even more impressive is the fact that he is only 29 years old.

While there have been many Jews dispatched by the newspaper to Israel to cover various breaking stories or to fill in for a vacationing bureau chief, this will represent a clear departure from the past.

To many American Jews and others who follow such matters, the Friedman appointment is a very welcome development indeed. In a sense, it suggests that the professional American Jewish journalist

has finally come of age. America's major newspaper of record can finally "trust" a Jew to report on Israel without worrying about any supposed conflict of interest.

There will be positive ramifications. If *The New York Times* can send a Jewish staffer to Israel, then all other news organizations in the United States can finally do the same — even *The Washington Post*, which, unfortunately, has maintained that same unwritten rule to the point of rejecting extremely qualified staffers for the Jerusalem slot simply because of their religion. *The Washington Post*, too, will eventually abolish its "no Jews need apply" rule.

THE MATTER obviously is a sensitive one among senior Timesmen, many of whom happen to be Jewish and were themselves, ironically, largely responsible for the previous disqualification of Jews for the job.

One popular story has it that editor Abe Rosenthal was actually ready for the breakthrough four years ago when Shipler was moved from Moscow to Jerusalem. Rosenthal, according to *Times* reporters, was under the mistaken

assumption that Shipler was Jewish.

Many other major American news organizations have not had the "Jewish" hangup in assigning resident reporters to Israel. Thus, CBS News had Bob Simon in Tel Aviv for many years. NBC's current correspondent in Israel is Martin Fletcher, another Jew who moved up the network's ladder despite the fact that he is not even an American. He is from London and is probably the only major U.S. television reporter whose British-accented voice is regularly heard on the air. Why? He simply happens to be a first-rate journalist with many years' experience covering Israel and the Middle East, going back to the early 1970s when he worked for Visnews, the British news organization.

What the *Times* has finally recognized is that Jews, like their gentile colleagues, are capable of reporting on Israel thoroughly, objectively and fairly — wars and all. In Britain, this was earlier demonstrated by such solid professionals as Eric Silver of the *Guardian*, Moshe Brilliant of *The Times* of London, and Michael Elkins of the BBC.

What's more, some of the best reporting on Israel in the U.S. over the years has come from Jews, especially Jay Bushinsky, Bruno Wasserthil and Andrew Meisels.

THAT JEWS can honestly and successfully report on Israel is most vividly demonstrated virtually every day by the fact that the very best coverage of the country comes, of course, from Israeli journalists themselves. This should not be very surprising since the best reporting on America is done by Americans. After all, who can know a country better than the people who live there?

This is also the case when it comes to covering events on the West Bank. The Israeli press is almost always way ahead of the foreign news media in breaking stories there, including, of course, those most damaging to Israel's image.

One of the few American jour-

nalists to go public in actually recommending that Jews specifically be barred from assignments in Israel is Peter Jennings, the ABC nightly news anchorman. He made that statement a few years ago in an interview published in the *Journal of Palestine Studies*. At the time, he was under the mistaken assumption that Bill Seaman, ABC's highly respected Tel Aviv bureau chief, was Jewish and should, therefore, not have been given that job.

That same line of thinking, by the way, would logically also prevent American Wasps from serving in Britain — where Jennings himself worked for many years. Jennings, in fact, is a Canadian Wasp.

The matter of a journalist's loyalty to his country, religion, ethnic or racial group — as opposed to his professional integrity — has recently taken on added significance in the U.S. in the aftermath of the Jesse Jackson "Hymietown" slur. The reporter responsible for the original disclosure was Milton Coleman of *The*

Washington Post, who happens to be black.

Coleman, since then, has come under considerable criticism from some elements of the black community for embarrassing and undermining the first serious black presidential candidate. He has been condemned by some for being a journalist first and a black second. But many journalists, including some of the most important blacks in the business, have praised him.

The leader of the black nation of Islam in the U.S., Louis Farrakhan, has lashed out against Coleman in the most extreme terms. He has even made some highly publicized death threats against Coleman and his family. He has told black reporters in general: "Don't tell me nothing about you're just a reporter... you are just a pure chump operative of those that write your stories for you to put under your byline."

During the early stages of the Jesse Jackson campaign, most of the major U.S. news organizations deliberately assigned black reporters to cover him under the assumption that they might have bet-

ter access to the candidate. This reverse-racism practice, which came under some criticism, has since largely ended.

HAVING Thomas Friedman in Israel is certainly not going to represent any bonanza for Israel's public relations effort in the United States. Israeli officials and their American Jewish supporters should be under no illusions. He will be as professionally tough as his predecessors in reporting the news. Jews, in fact, can be — and very often are — among Israel's sharpest critics in the American news media.

Then again, who is more devoted to seeking out the truth about Israel, even some of the more ugly aspects of its society, than Israeli reporters and editors themselves?

In the end, this close scrutiny is beneficial to the country as a whole, even though it may cause some *hasbara* problems in the short run, especially for a government in power in Jerusalem. A free, aggressive, competitive and responsible press is the best guarantee for those basic freedoms so essential to the success of a democracy. Let the Soviet Union have its *Pravda*, and the Arab countries their house organs. Israel, the U.S. and the rest of the handful of democracies around the world are better off with their penetrating and often irritating press.

In search of a scapegoat

PUBLIC FACES / Mark Segal Post Political Correspondent

AS MIGHT be expected, the major Herut factions this week were engaged in blaming each other for allowing Ariel Sharon to get 42 per cent of the vote in last week's Herut Leadership contest. Supporters of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy say that the scapegoat is Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's lieutenant, Knesset faction head Ronnie Riklis, who "instilled overconfidence" in the party faithful by predicting that Arik would get only 10 per cent of the ballots of the Herut central committee. This kept many of the faithful at home, they contend, adding in evidence the fact that more than 200 committee members did not show up.

The Shamir camp points an accusing finger at party organization chief Michael Reiser, a Levy man. They say that Reiser did a dismal job in enlisting Levy's supporters to Shamir's cause. It has been estimated that as many as half of the Levy backers voted for Arik, to express the frustration they felt when their man did not enter the leadership fray.

AN INTERESTING explanation of the earthquake that shook Herut came this week from Prof. Yitzhak Galor, a political scientist. "The crisis of Arik," he said, "is a substitute for 'Begin, Begin' among so many members of Herut, who are orphaned by Menachem Begin's departure from the scene." The people who voted for Sharon, Galor said, "voted for a new king of Israel, rather than for Ariel Sharon the person."

The professor said that while the Herut central committee members were still in thrall to the Begin-Arik legend, many of the younger potential Likud voters — the generation of the Lebanon war — were disenchanted.

EXPERIENCED Begin-watchers

this week were seeing signs that the ex-premier had not ruled out a last-minute come-back to the electoral wars. Among other things, they pointed to the fact that Begin had conducted a large family seder on Monday night, in his Yefe Nof residence. This, they said, was a signal that the Herut founder had not sentenced himself to eternal isolation.

There were two other pieces of evidence as well. The first was that Begin had still not resigned from the 10th Knesset, as had been expected by many. Second and more important, particularly to the Begin faithful, is the fact that first-born son Dr. Binyamin Ze'ev (Benny) Begin has adamantly refused to be included in the Herut list for the 11th Knesset.

BENNY BEGIN'S close friend, outgoing government secretary Dan Meridor, is expected to be one of five Knesset candidates put forward by the Jerusalem Herut branch. The others are likely to be branch strongman, Yehoshua Matza, Batar Jerusalem activists Reaven (Robby) Rivlin and Nissim Abuloff, and Transport Minister Haim Corfu. Corfu, I have been told, has lost considerable ground to Matza in the branch, which was once his personal balliwick.

FINANCE MINISTER Yigal Cohen-Orad should end up in a high place, but it's not because he is beloved by the party cadres. Herut insiders tell me that if they weren't afraid of dumping their fourth finance minister, the party bosses might not even be able to guarantee Cohen-Orad a "safe" seat.

Other new faces likely to get good



Ariel Sharon

spots on the Herut list are those of Gideon Galot, the Mifal Hapayis chairman, and Ovadia Eli, the mayor of Afula and a vocal Levy backer.

Another Herut mayor who'd like to be an MK is Eli Landau of Herzliya. I've heard that until a week ago, Landau was even tinkering with the idea of joining Ezer Weizman's Yahad party. That all ended with the central committee vote, and it is now expected that Arik will take good care of his former aide.

While defence minister, Arik made Landau the chairman of Shekem. Landau did a little to pay back that debt last week, when Arik's election headquarters were located in the offices of the defence establishment's discount chain.

WHEN THE LIKUD is in a fix, it can always rely on the Labour Party to stumble to its rescue. The choice of Moshe Shalom as head of the information campaign has aroused misgivings inside and outside the party. Once again, they say, the party has begun installing people in key jobs for factional reasons, or

because of the need to balance out contesting groups. Many party people think that former ambassador in the U.S. — and currently Hebrew University vice-president — Simcha Dinitz would have been a happier choice. They're also wondering how Shalom will be able to take time off his prosperous Haifa law practice and such important clients as Herut's Economic Minister Ya'acov Meridor.

Sharon's camp in Herut is said to be delighted with Shalom's first offering as information chief — coining the key campaign phrase: "Peace or Sharon Over Israel." They argue that Shalom will thereby build up Sharon into the Likud's dominant figure, doing their work for them.

IT LOOKS as if there'll be little chance of refurbishing the outgoing Labour-Knesset faction, now that most of the long-term MKs have been reconfirmed by their party peers. Missing from the meeting was Rafi Saluss, who is in France trying to secure the release of his son, arrested with two other young Israelis for smuggling heroin into Paris. Some of the promising new faces who may grace the list include the late Moshe Dayan's novelist daughter, Yael Dayan-Slon; lawyer Ram Caspi; Dinitz, historian Prof. Anita Shapira; Israel Bar Association president Prof. David Libal; Beit Shemesh ex-council head Amram Lak; and party women's head Rina Dotan.

LABOUR LEADER Shimon Peres has not been anxious to name a candidate for finance minister, even though the names of Gad Ya'acobi, Mordechai (Motta) Gur and Amram Sivan the former director-general of the Finance Ministry, have been bruited about. It has been rumoured that the reason for Peres's reluctance is a secret desire to keep the job open until after the elections, when the Treasury might be offered as a prize to a prospective coalition partner, say Ezer Weizman.



Eli Landau

SPEAKING OF EZER, the ex-minister of defence seems to have started getting his act together with the publication of his platform. But Weizman still has not published even a partial list, and refuses to disclose what part mystery man Edward Seroussi will play in the new-born party.

My appetite for information was whetted this week when Eli Tavor reported in *Yediot Aharanot* that Seroussi accompanied Weizman to a secret 1982 meeting, in a Hamburg hotel, with Tami's Aharon Abuhazzeira and his party's moneyman, Nessim Gaon, where a joint plan to topple the Likud government was discussed. Seroussi, who is Gaon's cousin, was also born in Khartoum. He holds a Costa Rican passport and owns homes in Munich, Paris and Kfar Shmaryahu, and he reportedly offered Ezer \$2.5 million for his campaign.

In an attempt to confirm the story, I contacted Weizman's pal Leon Charney. The New York lawyer, currently in Israel on a Pessah vacation, declined to comment on reports that he'd handle Ezer's U.S. fund-raising while Seroussi

provided the rest. Charney referred me back to Weizman, and the mystery persists.

MORE MONEY. Lillian Shalom, who, with millionaire husband Stephan Shalom and Nessim Gaon, reportedly raised \$500,000 for Abuhazzeira's legal defence, is now said to have been on another cash-seeking campaign. This time she's trying to collect \$2 million from Sephardi sources in North America, Canada and France, to finance Tami's election campaign.

Another big donor, reportedly to both the Likud and Yahad, is Meshulam Riklis of New York. Riklis was here recently for the bar mitzva party of his grandson Ari Ackerman, at the Tel Aviv Hilton. Riklis certainly has political as well as financial muscle, and the guest list included Ezer Weizman, Arik Sharon and Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo (Chich) Lahat. Riklis's first wife, Judith, was the hostess of the even-

ing, while the 60-year-old magnate's current spouse, 23-year-old actress Pia Zagora, stayed away at the family's request.

CAMPUS CAPERS. In the fuss over the victory of the pro-Labour Alternative list at Tel Aviv University, the name and identity of the group's leader was almost overlooked. He is Shaul Rehavi of Kibbutz Revivim, the grandson of the late Golda Meir. Combine that with the fact that his father is a Yemenite immigrant, and one can predict a bright future for Shaul in Israeli politics.

Incidentally, student politics has served as a proving ground for the adult variety in the past couple of decades. In the late Sixties and early Seventies, the big men on the TAU campus and students' union were Ronnie Milo, Michael Reiser and Michael Kleiner all Likud MKs, and Ya'acov Skoler, also a Likud keyman. They were preceded by Ehad Olmert, Yoram Aridor and Akiva Nof. In Jerusalem, the Hebrew University students' union produced Moshe Sahal and Haim Ramon for Labour and Dror Zeigerman for the Likud.

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DESPERATE as they may be for comic relief in these dark days, Israelis just aren't coming up with jokes the way they used to.

That at least is the opinion of Paul Hirschhorn, whose *Jokes from Israel* was published this month.

"Or to put it another way," says Hirschhorn, "Israelis are just coming up with the same jokes they've come up with before. I know I haven't heard a fresh joke in this country in years."

"In fact," the collector of comedy adds rather glumly, "I basically stopped gathering jokes a year or two ago."

Born in Paterson, New Jersey in 1949, Hirschhorn made aliya in 1975 and began jotting down Israeli jokes while he was still in the immigrant absorption centre. Over the next seven years he continued to collect jokes — from new immigrants, from old-timers, from professional entertainers, in the army and around the academic community in Haifa where he works today as a public relations official at the Technion.

Then, after the seven fat years of laughter, the joking seemed to stop.

"I guess the problem was I'd heard it all," Hirschhorn says. "If they're telling jokes today about Shamir being short, they told the very same stories about Ben-Gurion. I never heard a David Levy joke that hadn't been around before, usually applied to members of one ethnic community or another. Jokes about the economy? As long as we've had economic problems we've had jokes — the same jokes."

ISRAELI joke more about the economic and political situation than about anything else, Hirschhorn says. "And that means they're just joking about what's on their mind. It's a defensive action, I suppose. And in the classic Israeli tradition, they find the best defence is offence. Which is another way of saying that a lot of Israeli humour is aggressive. It's cynical and it's satiric and it hits out."

Laughing matters

(R. Nussli)



Israelis joke more about the economic and political situation than about anything else, says Paul Hirschhorn, who has been studying the subject for years. He talks about the results of his efforts to *The Post's* Lev Bearfield.

Even when Israelis joke about sex, Hirschhorn says, the punchline often hinges on something other than sex.

"For example," he smiles, "there's the story of the Israeli in the house of ill repute in Europe. He whispers something in the first girl's ear and she slaps his face. He whispers in the second girl's ear and she slaps his face. Third girl, same thing."

"Witnessing this, the madam is baffled, because she knows her girls

will do anything. So finally she asks the Israeli what in the world he wants. He whispers in her ear and she slaps his face, adding: 'No, under no circumstances will we accept payment in Israeli currency!'"

Hirschhorn points out that this joke is "outer directed," with the brunt of the joke being the authorities in charge of the economy.

"This is the main difference between Israeli humour," he says, "and, say, the humour of the Jews in the ghetto. East European Jews usually had themselves as the vic-

tims of the jokes. It was a self-effacing, defensive sort of humour. In Israel we don't joke so much about ourselves as we do about the authorities."

In this respect, Hirschhorn observes, Israeli humour is a national humour like any other national humour, covering the same topics in the same styles. The house-of-ill-repute story, he thinks, is Israeli in origin, but he believes few others heard here truly are.

"OUT OF THE 1,000 jokes I collected for my book," he says, "I eventually chose to publish around

400. I tried to pick the ones that were the most Israeli in character. That means either they originated in Israel or had circulated here over the years long enough to be adapted to the circumstances of the country in such a way that we can term them 'Israeli jokes.'"

"For example, there's the joke that goes like this: Shamir and Cohen-Orad both fall out of an airplane. Who survives? Answer: The country! Now I suppose that can be called an Israeli joke. But no doubt it's been told over the years about other government ministers in any

number of countries. But we make it an Israeli joke. And interestingly, I heard it from a kid who's just six years old."

Hirschhorn divides his *Jokes from Israel* into eight sections, thematically covering such subjects as political leaders, immigrants, love, Israeli types and so on. He says the only taboo subjects among Israeli wisecrackers are the Holocaust (although I disagreed with him on this) and the army.

"You hear jokes about conditions in the army," he says, "but they're probably told in every army in the

world. It seems the IDF as an institution is too respected in itself to be joked about. Although, come to think of it, I recently heard that joke about why the army has a flag around every camp — you know — keep logic out. I thought it was an interesting development when I heard that joke. It may reflect satisfaction with our involvement in Lebanon."

HIRSCHHORN says he has never heard an Israeli joke that denigrates Arabs. I disputed this point with him as well, but he said the only such story he'd ever heard was the rather mild one about the Arabs having trouble finding a place to bury the late King Feisal, because everywhere they stuck a spade in the ground they struck oil.

Religion, however, is no taboo subject for Israelis, and the anthologist included a section on that subject in *Jokes from Israel*.

"There's always been joking at the expense of Observant Jews," he says. "One that comes around again and again is about the rabbi who caught a customs trying to bring five refrigerators into the country. The rabbi's explanation: 'One for meat, one for dairy, one for meat for Pesach, one for dairy for Pesach, and one for treife.'"

With *Jokes from Israel* finally in the bookshops (illustrated by fellow American immigrant Elhanan Ben-Avraham and priced at \$1.40), Hirschhorn professes himself happy to be doing with laughing matters and able to devote himself to preparations for the Technion's 60th anniversary celebrations this fall.

But he expects people will still buttonhole him and relate what they believe are the latest Israeli thigh slappers.

"I've always maintained that more jokes are told in Haifa than in Tel Aviv or Jerusalem," Hirschhorn says. "But I suspect that's because there's so little to do in Haifa."

NO FESTIVAL unites Orthodox and secular Jews as much as Pessah does: there is not a Jew in the world who does not find it to be an occasion for rejoicing. Pessah has so many aspects: apart from its importance in the Jewish religion, it also commemorates our yearning for freedom and it coincides with the glory of the Israeli spring. Israeli Television did a remarkable service by managing to provide an abundance of programmes to suit every taste.

One of these, the last item in Micha Limor's weekend magazine, was devoted to the wildflowers, animals and insects flourishing on the top of Mount Meron. We were escorted around this earthly Paradise by an 80-year-old Arab and Dr. Aviva Rabinowitz, chief scientist of the Nature Protection Authority.

I was surprised to learn from her that even in that remote hide-out, the flowers are not safe from vandals. I had come to take it for granted that one of the achievements of her authority was that it had managed to drive into our thick

skulls the truth that it was not necessary to prove one adored one's native land, to destroy it, like Oscar Wilde's murderer killing the thing he loved.

Jews coming home in search of identity, and their sabra children, always found spiritual satisfaction in hikes around the country and in archeology. But they tended to lay waste its beauties.

Then, I thought, along came the authority, inspired by the drive of the late Aluf Avraham Yoffe, and convinced us that we need not destroy the flowers that bloom in the spring. So it was a shock to learn from Dr. Rabinowitz that I was wrong; something that happens very occasionally.

Full marks go to Motti Eden and photographer Moshe Alpert for a remarkable item.

VARIOUS PROGRAMMES were designed to inspire national pride in all Israelis, irrespective of their religious opinions, because we are what Bialik called "the last generation of slaves, the first generation of free men."

Generation of freemen

TELEREVIEW/Philip Gillon

It is a cliché to regard Pessah as a paean of praise for the principle of liberty. In my copy of the *Haggada*, Cecil Roth comments editorially: "The unleavened bread is a symbol of freedom — personal, spiritual, economic."

At a time when we are reeling from the shocks of discovering the strength of Sharonism and of the barbarous behaviour of MK Menachem Avidov, the Deputy Speaker of our Knesset, I find myself scrutinizing the freedom extolled in Pessah much more closely than usual.

The "strong hand" with which Sharon and Cohen-Avidov wish to assail the Arabs has warrant in the strong hand and outstretched arm with which the Lord afflicted the Egyptians. The 10 plagues, particularly the last one, the massacre of the firstborn, were examples of collective punishment imposed on guilty and innocent alike, somewhat similar in principle to the penalties inflicted by our governments on families of terrorists.

Presumably there were Egyptians who benefited exceedingly from the treasure cities, Pithom and Ramses, that our ancestors built for Pharaoh, but it does seem that it was excessive to kill every firstborn of every man or beast in the country, including even the child of "the captive in the dungeon."

If we consider the bloodthirsty debate between the rabbis in Bnei Brak, we get an impression that they were vying with each other for the votes of Tehiya. Rabbi Akiba, with his 50 plagues by land and 250 plagues by sea, sounds like Professor Yuval Ne'eman enunciating his Arab policy. So all the fancy clichés we heard about Pessah being a festival of freedom must be qualified by the rider that the freedom we extol should not extend to anybody but the Chosen People.

IT IS to be hoped that Cohen-Avidov's appalling act in an Israeli courtroom, when he wanted to gouge out the eyes of the Arabs accused of murdering Danny Katz, was completely dishonest and hypocritical, inspired merely by a desire to get himself a good spot on

the Likud election list.

I base this hope on the assumption that he noticed which way the wind was blowing, when Sharon got all those votes, and decided to out-Sharon Sharon.

There are no limits to the depths to which a pending election may drive a politician. A British MP once described to me his election campaign during a period when the question of hanging murderers was an issue.

After he had shaken a myriad hands and kissed innumerable babies, he asked his election agent hopefully how he was doing.

"Not bad, not bad, but it's a great pity you're not a hanger."

So I trust that our Deputy Speaker is only trying to prove to the multitude that he is as keen a hanger, or gouger-out of eyes, or hacker-off of arms, as there is in the Middle East, and so entitled to a safe place on the list.

We nearly had a chance to find out what he really thinks when he appeared in a late-night debate with Shulamit Aloni MK on Dan Ravi's programme. He had managed to tell us that he wanted a law imposing the death penalty on an Arab killing a Jewish child, but not on a Jew killing an Arab child, when Shulamit got the bit between her teeth and ran away with the discussion.

Normally, I love and adore Shulamit, and treasure every word she utters, because she always says

precisely what I think. On this occasion, however, I found her very exasperating.

I had no need to hear her saying such obvious truths: I wanted Ravi to have a chance to grill Cohen-Avidov mercilessly as he propounded preposterous doctrines that had a sinister resemblance to the racist theories of the Jews have suffered so often in so many lands.

He had managed to say that he based his thinking on having grown up with Arabs and on being one of those rare beings who understands the Arab mentality.

I have noticed this curious phenomenon in most racists — they claim to have grown up among the people they victimize, and so to be able to understand their mentality, and their respect for the whip, the rope, the axe and whatever punishments "the strong hand" of the under-stander inflicts upon them.

ONE OF the key sentences in the *Haggada* is "Next year in Jerusalem." I remember that this sentence always caused considerable difficulty in kibbutzim and others rewriting the *Haggada* to suit conditions for people already living in Eretz Yisrael.

In a very remarkable interview with A.B. Yehoshua, the writer gave a new twist to this sentence. The core of his iconoclastic philosophy is that he believes that all Jews, including the most fervent Zionists,

would rather be in the Diaspora, dreaming of spending next year in Jerusalem, than in Jerusalem, dreaming, I presume of being next year in the Diaspora.

Yehoshua claims that the Diaspora was willed by the Jews, not forced upon them, and that it is vital for Zionism and the survival of the Jewish people. He maintains that this position has existed ever since there was a chance to end the Babylonian exile, and only a minority elected to return to the land of our dreams, which so often turns out to be the land of our screams.

I remember Meyer Weisgal's reaction to a visit to the village of Pekiin, where he said Jews had lived continuously for thousands of years. After looking at them, he said simply: "Thank God for the Diaspora."

Yehoshua, from a different standpoint, seems to have come to the same conclusion.

PRODUCER Zifa Shafron and director Michal Lev-Tov had done their homework so well that they obviously knew the Master's words better than he did himself. But Yehoshua rallied valiantly to catch up with them. Some of the photography seemed to be completely unrelated to the text but maybe the connection was too subtle for me.

Either he suggested, or they chose, to take him to a neglected cemetery in Jerusalem, where his father is buried, for the segment of the film dealing with the Holy City.

Being in this old graveyard inspired reflections on his part about the hard and stony hearts of Jerusalem.

I remember once being in the

pool of the Holyland Hotel on a hot summer's day when I was asked by an American woman tourist whether I lived in Jerusalem. When I asserted proudly that I enjoyed this great privilege, she shook her head and said sadly, "You must be a very sad person."

Looking around at the Jerusalemites swimming, diving, splashing and sun-bathing with every appearance of enjoying themselves immensely, I said some bewilderment. "No, I don't think so. I don't believe that all Jerusalemites are sad. Why do you think so?"

"Because," she said, "you have to live among all those happy people."

"It certainly is true we have an abundance of tombs and memorials to which that poor tourist had been taken, probably in a very short space of time. But I still believe, despite her and Yehoshua, that it is possible to enjoy life in Jerusalem."

UNLESS I AM going daft from watching so much television about both Israel and Jordan, not to mention video repeats of anything I miss, something went very much awry this week with *Dallas*. Surely we had reached a point way beyond Sue-Ellen being on the ranch with Dusty's father? Didn't she have her own place, where J.R. was visiting her, and persuading her to prove she was made by agreeing to marry him? Or am I thinking of *Dallas*?

Either way, I think that Israel should do a five-minute precis and jump right forward to bring us into the vanguard of *Dallas* watchers.

Why should we always be behind the Jordanians who, after all, are our enemies?

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LABOUR'S ECONOMIC STRATEGY

By MEIR MERHAV/Post Economic Editor



Adiel Amoral... 'A modernized version of Sapirism.'

(Israel Sun)



Gad Ya'acobi... an integrated programme.

(Uzi Keren)

THE LABOUR Party's economic programme seems to be taking shape — and it's high time. To criticize the government is no longer good enough. A persuasive alternative must be presented. On the other major political problems, such as the occupation of Southern Lebanon and settlements outside the lines of the Ailon plan, Labour's differences with the Likud are relatively clear-cut. The public knows what its choices are.

Much less clear are the alternatives in the economic sphere. In good part that is because when speaking of the Likud's economic policy, one must immediately ask "which." That of the late Simcha Ehrlich or that of Yigal Hurvitz? That of Yoram Aridor or that of Yigal Cohen-Orad? They point as much in one direction as a compass without a needle, and they have all, in their turn, been "proper economics."

People ask, "What will Labour do differently?" I tried to put that question to Gad Ya'acobi, in a slightly improved form, and asked him, "What will you do differently from what Cohen-Orad meant to do?"

Even in that form, Ya'acobi wavered the question aside impatiently. "I do not have to enter into an argument with what Cohen-Orad or anyone else in the Likud meant to do. I have an argument with the Likud's record in nearly seven years. The record is what counts."

Who are the people on Ya'acobi's team? The team, he says, is really a kind of working group, with a steering committee at the top. The most prominent members of the team are well-known figures. There is Adiel Amoral and Naftali Blumenthal, Israel Kassar and Danny Rosolio, Yeshayahu Gavish of Koor and Amos Mar-Haim, former director-general of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, and Amiram Sivan, former director-general of the Treasury. From the academic world there is Prof. Michael Bruno and, until he went abroad some time ago, Prof. Assaf Razin, as well as Prof. Eitan Berglas. The two former

governors of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar and Amnon Gafai, are also on the team. The various working groups include a bevy of former senior civil servants and other experts.

WHAT IS the thrust of the economic programme that Ya'acobi's brains trust is working out? It is, Ya'acobi says, an integrated programme that will seek to deal simultaneously with Israel's two main economic problems —

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If Labour's programme contains no miracle cure, all that can be said is that nobody else has come up with either. There is none...

inflation and the balance of payments.

Here, therefore, is the difference. Number One: Labour does not mean to repeat the see-saw policy of now giving priority to inflation and now to the balance of payments. How can this be accomplished? By reverting to Labour's traditional emphasis on economic growth as the mechanism that provides the solution for most other problems.

It is not, of course, just any kind of growth that Ya'acobi has in mind, but growth directed at improving the trade balance — growth led by exports and import substitution. And there are constraints that give Labour's economic programme its social democratic tinge: A "social balance" must be maintained with respect to income distribution, there must be high employment, approaching full employment, and development towns must be kept prospering.

Ya'acobi is emphatic that the resources for renewed growth can be found by cutting the "political expenditures" of the Likud governments — the money spent on the occupation of Lebanon, on settlements in areas densely populated by Palestinians, on bribing the junior coalition partners. These expenses

amount to a billion dollars a year. If they are diverted to productive investments, sustained growth can be achieved and the root causes of inflation attacked at the same time.

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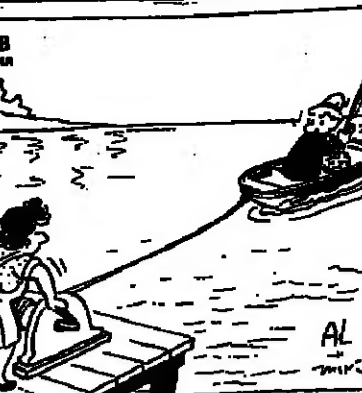
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AGUDA SCHOOLS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I refer to Allan Shapiro's article, "Faith on high," which appeared on April 6. Shapiro dislikes the "Zionist funding without having to teach Zionist values" which Aguda schools receive. In fact their Zionist values are greater than those of the state schools.

Children of Aguda schools are imbued with a love for Eretz Yisrael, a pride in being Jews, a desire to carry on the tradition of their fathers who preserved the dream of the Return to Zion for over 2000 years. A recent survey of

high school students in the state schools revealed that some 30 per cent of those polled would leave Israel if the opportunity arose, would rather not be Jews if born again and know little or nothing about our more than 2000-year-old tradition.

Zionist funding is paying off in almost 100 per cent of the cases in Aguda schools, but no such statement can be made the state schools. Aguda schools preserve Zionist values; state schools can't prevent their erosion.

DR. ZEEY ROSENBLUM
Rehovot.

CONVERTING FICTION INTO FACT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — It is discouraging to observe that even in Israel the media are guilty of an uncritical spreading of Arab League propaganda aimed at converting to fact the fiction of Arab national rights in Palestine. Amazingly, Jews here allow it to continue in spite of the fact that whoever espouses or disseminates this fiction is in fact rewriting history by denying the Jewish people its roots.

As an American, I have painfully watched high-placed individuals (e.g. Jimmy Carter, Jesse Jackson, Ronald Reagan) gratuitously iterate

the Arabists' misinformation and thus actively, if not intentionally, serve to spread the cancer of anti-Semitism.

A key step towards correcting the cited ongoing tragedy is for the Israeli government to create an official voice to loudly and clearly debunk with historic fact the hitherto unchallenged Arab-sponsored myths, and assert the non-negotiability of the roots and history of the Jewish people which Mr. Reagan would have us abandon to the occupiers of the East Bank.

BUD DWORIN
Jerusalem (Dayton, Ohio)

CONDITIONS AT FARA'A

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Your report of March 26, of the press conference given by the Israeli League for Human and Civil Rights to protest the use of torture by Israeli authorities at the West Bank prison at Fara'a, confirms many of the findings of a recent study made by our organization, Law in the Service of Man.

LSM applauds the action of the League for Human and Civil Rights in making public the allegations of torture being carried out in West Bank prisons. LSM has been carefully monitoring the situation in the prisons for some time and has

collected a large number of sworn statements which testify to inhuman and often illegal conditions and practices being suffered by security prisoners in the West Bank.

Your report of the press conference failed to point out that the Fara'a prison differs from all other West Bank prisons in that overall control and supervision of the prison is undertaken by the IDF rather than by the civilian prison service. In our view, this is a major factor in the existence of harsher conditions at Fara'a than elsewhere.

JONATHAN KUTTAB
Co-Director of LSM
Ramallah

LIBEL SUITS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As a journalist and one who teaches constitutional law of the press, I was amused by Sheldon Teitelbaum's observation in his review of "The Privileged: Israel's Moneyed Nobility" (March 9), in which he suggests that because no libel action has been forthcoming the book must be accurate. Hardly follows logically.

There are a host of reasons why someone might not want to file a libel suit even if the book is inaccurate or, indeed, libellous. These include: calling more attention to the case; dragging it through the courts; cost of attorneys; and, finally, losing on legal grounds although errors may be admitted.

There are other reasons as well, but Mr. Teitelbaum uses that old saw which journalists have cited for years, "If I was wrong, why didn't they sue," as proof of accuracy. Unfortunately, it isn't necessarily so.

BERL FALBAUM
West Bloomfield, Mich.

A NEW KING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — There is no better way of describing the real meaning of the Herut leadership election results than to paraphrase an old saying: "The king has disappeared. Long live the king!" As Ben-Zion disappears from the political scene, the crowd literally starts to scream for "the new king."

This continual desire for a king amongst large parts of our population becomes more and more frightening with the passage of time.

The irresponsible use of this king desire by both the old and new kings has shown a complete disrespect for the concepts of democratic debate in a free society.

The fact that Arik Sharon (whose idea of democratic government leaves something to be desired) is coming closer and closer to the throne of power should shake us all up, no matter which party we identify with. The Jewish people certainly does not need a king.

IRVING KALET
Haifa.

JDC ANNIVERSARY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — This year marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the JDC. As part of our year-long celebration, we are assembling what we call an "Alumni File" of people who have been associated with us in some way — as former staff members, as volunteers who worked with us, or people who were helped by one or more of the JDC programmes. Also included are people whose parents or grandparents were helped by the JDC, in Europe during or after World War I, between the wars, during World War II, in the displaced person camps after the Holocaust or those who were helped to immigrate to Israel. We would very much like them to share their story with us and through us with the many, many others whose paths through the decades have crossed ours.

We are planning a special reception in June which will mark the opening of the JDC exhibition at

the Diaspora Museum. A special ticket will be needed and can be obtained only by writing to us with full name and address and sending it to the Public Relations Department, JDC-Israel, P.O.B. 3489, Jerusalem 91034.

ITZHAK AMITAI
Public Relations Director,
JDC-Israel
Jerusalem.

DISTURBED IDEAS
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — According to your report of March 23, Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir claims that "Disturbed ideas must be tolerated." If Zamir believes that Rabbi Meir Kahane's support for shooting up an Arab must be tolerated in the name of democracy, I wonder with what moral and juridical right Arabs are imprisoned for supporting the PLO?

A. S. DAVIDSON
Haifa

SHAMEFUL APPEAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The "urgent appeal" for a widow in your issue of April 1 has gone to my heart, though my first thought was that the cost of this advertisement would perhaps have eased the misery of this poor family. On the other hand, my second thought was that this type of ad which appears so often must get results.

We ourselves have lived in very modest conditions, and so we have married off our children in modest, but dignified weddings. We haven't

incurred any debts we ourselves couldn't pay. But what we did do was give our children a sound and good education and let them learn a respectable profession, so that they can now support their own families with honesty and with diligence.

They have done and still do their duty to the country, as soldiers and taxpaying citizens. They would be deeply ashamed if calls for welfare were made for them in paid advertisements. And so would we, had we failed to bring them up in dignity.

R. LOWENSTEIN
Holon.

POEMS ON ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Images of Israel is accepting poems for publication. Any form and style of poetry will be considered. No poems should be longer than two pages with a maximum of four poems per person. Themes should deal with the contemporary modern State of Israel.

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ELAINE STARKMAN,
LEA SCHWEITZER,
Editors.
Images of Israel
Walnut Creek, California.

YOSEF BEGUN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — With reference to Valeria Barouch's letter of March 28 about Yosef Begun, I would like to inform your readers that Begun is now in camp 37 of the Perm Labour Camp Complex. It is a camp for political prisoners, specialising in political re-education.

It is vital that a large number of his supporters write to Begun — registered letters with the pink card of advice of receipt, informing him (and the authorities) that a vigorous campaign is being fought on his behalf. Even though he might not be given the letters, his conditions

might be improved and often prisoners learn that mail has arrived for them — without it being handed over — and this helps their morale.

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Sylvia Becker
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Jerusalem.

BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Mrs. Silver's letter of April 3 accused the Committee for the Defence of the Rights of Abu Ali Shahin of being either naive or unconcerned about the survival of our country.

I would like to point out that the committee was formed in order to protect the human rights of Mr. Shahin and also the human rights of all people in Israel and the territories. Mr. Shahin is being kept under house arrest in a remote village in the Gaza Strip, without trial and without the right of appeal. If the state has charges to be placed against Mr. Shahin, there is no reason that he should not stand

trial. However, not only is he being indiscriminately punished, but the residents of Dahaniya village also suffer as a result of their village being treated as a closed military zone.

In a democracy, it is vital to defend individuals whose basic rights are violated, regardless of their political opinion or affiliation. The greatest danger today is not to the survival of the state, but rather to the democratic nature of the state.

We call for an end to all administrative punishments, both within Israel and in the territories.

MICHAEL ARGAMAN, member,
Committee for the Defence of the Rights of Abu Ali Shahin
Kibbutz Kerem Shalom.

IRAQ'S NUCLEAR REACTOR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — Nearly three years after Mr. Begin ordered the Israel Air Force to bomb the nuclear reactor in Iraq, it seems more obvious how important this decision was for the situation in the Middle East.

Iraq, which is now using chemical weapons against the Iranians, would surely not refrain from using nuclear weapons in the future in a holy war against Israel.

PER-ERIK ERIKSSON
Skoldinge, Sweden.

CONTRIBUTING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I read the cry for help from the Haifa Technion's Faculty of Medicine for cadavers (April 8).

Three years ago, I offered to donate my body to the Tel Aviv University School of Medicine, and received a charmingly couched refusal — "For reasons beyond their control." Two weeks ago I was told by an associate of mine who is connected with the University that "they are overloaded with donors." I have spoken with various doctors but no one can give me the answer as to what I must do.

I am no way morbid on this subject and have the understanding and approval of my husband and children for what I feel as a Jewish human being is mine to donate.

R.G.
(Name and address supplied.)
Herzliya.

NOT SO RARE OPERATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — I was appalled to see in The Jerusalem Post of February 14 a note entitled "Rare surgery gives baby new esophagus."

"The rare operation" refers to interposition of the colon to build a new esophagus, in cases where the esophagus is damaged after ingestion of caustic soda. It appears that the doctor who reported himself as a pioneer in the operation in this country was not aware that, in our ward, we have been performing the operation since 1971, and a paper on the subject was published in Harefuah, 83:335, 1972, by the doctors of our department.

ZINA CORINALDI
Head Nurse,
Department of Pediatric Surgery
Hadassah Hospital — Ein Karem
Jerusalem.

The article in question was based on an Itim news agency report. — Ed. J.P.

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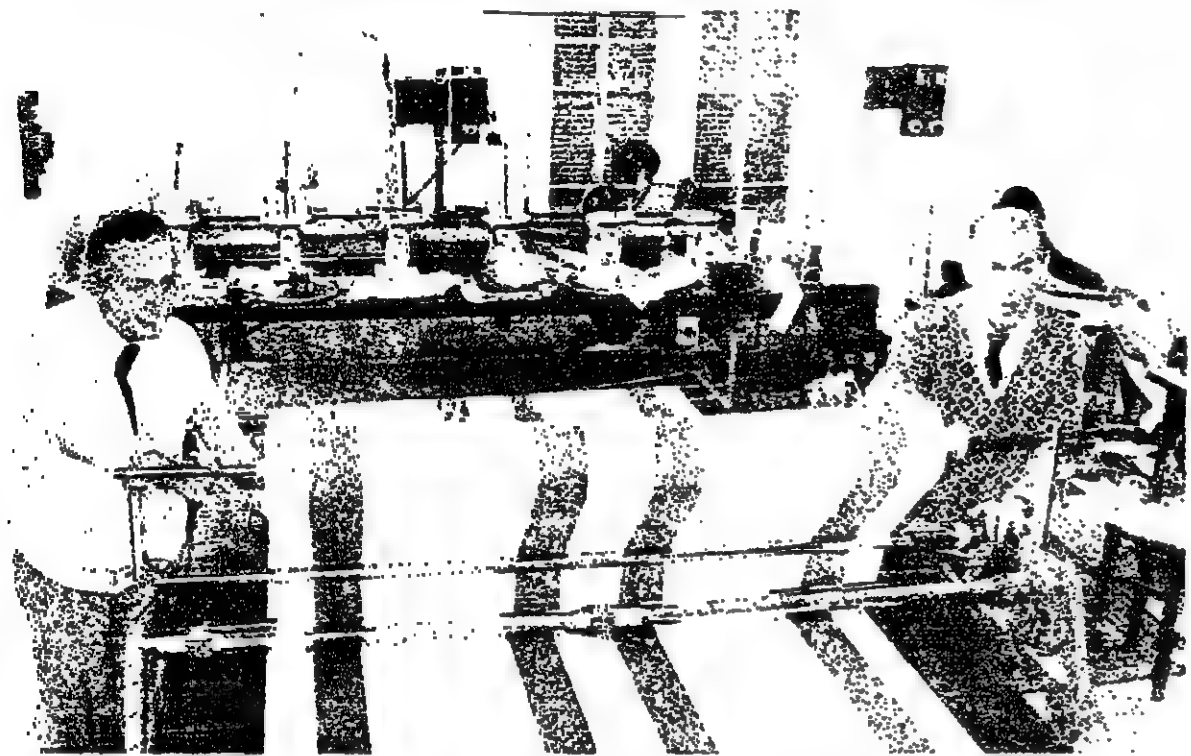
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Top three finishers in yesterday's Jerusalem mini-marathon pose afterwards in Liberty Bell Park. The winner was Tomer Ran (centre) of Ein Gedi, while Danny Felsenstein (right) and Ya'acov Kogan (left) finished second and third respectively. (Rahamin Israeli)



Flags are produced for a fund-raising drive to be held between Pessah and Yom Atzmaut by the Scouts for Libi. Members of the youth movement will sell the flags door-to-door, and most of the proceeds will go to the army's education fund. (Moshe Ehan)



Members of the Faithful of the Temple Mount group pray yesterday at the Mograbi Gate of the Mount, despite a police ban. (Rahamin Israeli)



French Culture Minister Jack Lang, currently on a private visit to Israel, lunches with Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer at the Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv yesterday. (Israel Simonsky, Israel Sun)

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ment, or for a veto, will be strengthened.

Herut secretariat chairman Yoram Aridor met with premier Yitzhak Shamir over the matter yesterday and *The Jerusalem Post* learns that Shamir explained he is not opposed to an amendment as such, but would prefer an agreed compromise to unilateral action.

Aridor later argued that the Liberal refusal even to discuss an amendment "undermines that agreement. If two partners cannot

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even discuss differences of opinion, what is there left for them to do?" he asked. He charged that some Liberal MKs "have been very problematic for the Likud and have kept both the government and the Likud's Knesset faction from functioning properly. It is not only in Herut's interest but also in that of the Liberals to avoid such behaviour in the next Knesset," he said. All this is in addition to the claim that the Liberals are over-

represented, but when lack of loyalty is coupled with over-representation, they necessarily breed resentment, he said. Aridor rejected Liberal demands that the entire issue be discussed after the elections. "If this is the reply we get now, I can only imagine what will happen after the elections," he said.

The Herut secretariat decided last night that Herut would choose a panel of 35 Knesset candidates by secret ballot on May 3 and these would be ranked in a series of five secret ballots on May 9.

And you shall show your son on that day, saying, This is done because of that which the Lord did for me when I came forth from Egypt.

"THE UNITY of consciousness is illusory." Thus begins E.R. Hilgard's recent book on the psychology of consciousness, *Divided Consciousness*. If we ponder the meaning of this apparently simple statement, the scale of its implications may become clear to us. On the face of it the notion would seem to contradict our everyday experience. For it is fundamental to our sense of identity that we should experience ourselves as a unified entity, a single actor in an ongoing drama.

The metaphor of a flowing stream to describe the nature of consciousness, as stressed for example by William James and reinforced in literature by authors such as James Joyce and Virginia Woolf, seems perfectly consistent with our own introspections. Indeed the sense of a stable "I," capable of controlling the flow of events impinging upon it, must be considered the very cornerstone of our psychological structure. And now we are asked to accept that this firmly-rooted conviction is nothing more than an illusion.

Yet the idea is not new. The maxim "Know thyself," inscribed above the Delphic oracle, represented a recognition of the fact that features exist within the psyche of man which, in the absence of disciplined contemplation, remain hidden from the searchlight of this "I." Behind the facade of an integrated personality lie the many strands of our psyche which, in the work of Freud and his disciples, became crystallized as the unconscious. As Jung put it, "Consciousness is like a surface or a skin upon a vast unconscious area of unknown content."

We do not have to venture into the psychiatrist's parlour to recognize the truth of the statement at the beginning of this article. Everyone has, at some time or another, caught himself saying or doing something and immediately thinking, "That wasn't me, I don't say things like that." As if the words or actions were somehow squeezed out of an entity that is not quite ourselves, tucked away in a corner of our skull, the Mr. Hyde lurking within.

In extreme cases we have the bizarre syndrome of multiple personality (one patient has been described in whom 35 personalities were discovered). In the "normal" person, the repressed aspects do not break through as completely as in the cases of multiple personality; but nevertheless they are there. The man who "wouldn't hurt a fly" is cruel to his wife. Apply the appropriate trigger and the ruthless businessman turns into a weak and sentimental fool.

We could all cite examples through simple, honest observation of those around us. What we should appreciate is that these strands which remain unconscious or dissociated from the ego are dangerous to us; they lead us into circumstances in which we are hurt; they directly influence our own bodies, giving rise to psychosomatic symptoms; they constitute obstacles to psychological wholeness.

IT IS THIS condition of psychological wholeness, achieved only through effort on our part, which is the necessary first step to any form of spiritual development. The terminology may be different, but nevertheless this is a fact deeply ingrained in Judaism. The verb *lehitpa'el* (to pray) is a reflexive construction which means "to judge oneself." Self-analysis is, however, not achieved through strictly rational, conscious meditation alone.

"The pious men of old used to wait an hour before prayer in silent meditation in order to concentrate their heart towards their Father in heaven." (Berakot 30b.)

An extreme of this process is stressed in Hasidism. *Bitul ha-yesh* (annihilation of the personality) expresses the notion that the old psy-

chic structure, the apparently stable "I" mentioned above, must be destroyed before any new development may occur.

This is an idea encountered in many religions. The new development becomes a truer point of balance in the psyche because it grows around that spark of the divine in man. In Jung's terminology it corresponds to the self which "is strange to us and yet so near, wholly ourselves and yet unknown, a virtual centre of mysterious constitution..." The beginnings of our whole psychic life seem to be inextricably rooted in this point and all our highest and ultimate purposes seem to be striving towards it. This paradox is unavoidable, as always when we try to define something that lies beyond the bounds of our understanding.

Undoubtedly, the mystics engaged in the *ma'aseh merkava* (work of the chariot) in talmudic times were (perhaps unknowingly) investigating the nature of their own psyches as much as they were exploring the intricacies of the *hekalot* (seven heavens, described in elaborate and bizarre imagery). In the language of symbolism they are both one: the *hekalot* are real in exactly the same way as the contents of the unconscious are real.

WHAT HAS all this to do with Pessah? Simply this: Pessah includes a direct all to personal experience — "In every generation the individual is obliged to regard himself as if he personally had gone out from Egypt." But exactly what are we called upon to experience?

Pessah manifestly concerns renewal and growth: the renewal of the year in spring; the journey of our ancestors from slavery to freedom; and for the individual, growth from a state where consciousness is imprisoned in the petty world of the ego to one where full realization is achieved in the self.

The symbolism is clear and profound, drawn out as it is in many commentaries through the ages: we destroy *hametz*, the bloated ego puffed up with its own pride; we make use of bitter herbs and salt water, both employed since time immemorial for purging and purification, and we keep an egg roasted in fire, the seed of a new beginning, fresh as if from some alchemist's retort.

This is not to supplant the historical exodus. Indeed, revelation through history is the essence of Judaism and any meaning to the individual would be lost without the cord of connection to our forefathers. But time in these matters is not the time of mundane history. "Time present and time past are both perhaps present in time future, and time future contained in time past." These words of T.S. Eliot may be fruitfully applied to the Torah, of which it is said, "He did the Holy One, blessed be He, look into the Torah and create the universe accordingly" (Bereshit Rabba 1).

It is well established that the Torah is not a document to be studied solely at its literal level. It is in this sense that we may look into the story of the Exodus and discern the hints relating the cosmic drama to our individual psychology. This is not to imply in any way that the psychological level of meaning is an ultimate level. Far from it. But there is always merit in interpreting the eternal symbols enshrined in the letters of Torah in terms consonant with contemporary models of man. It is with this in mind that I venture to examine a few bare outlines of the exodus story through the eyes of a psychologist.

Mitzrayim itself is a term pregnant with meaning. It is formed of the word *mayim* (water) with the two letters *tzade* and *resh* interspersed. *Mayim* has the connotation of flow, transition, change. The two interspersed letters yield the word *tzar*, meaning confinement, something bound up. Psychologically, this state can be described as one

in which the flow of vital energy or libido (used in its widest sense, not in the restricted Freudian sense) becomes restricted, blocked by the nature of "slavery." This is to be contrasted with the state of a "freeman" in whom there is an unclouded cycling of energy from God to man via emanation and from man to God via prayer.

WHAT, then, is the nature of this blockage? It is the turning away from the world of the spirit in order to meet exclusively the demands of the body, the material world. Again, there is a hint of this idea in the text, although to one not familiar with the tricks of exegesis the connection may seem vague. We read in Exodus 12:40 that the period during which the Children of Israel dwelt in Egypt was 430 years. There has been much commentary on this time period, in view of apparent discrepancies vis-à-vis the period of exile. (See, for example, Lehmann's Haggadah.) Be that as it may, there is great emphasis laid on this figure of 430; indeed it is repeated in the next verse and it is stressed by the phrase, *Vayehi, be'tzem hayom hazeh*.

Now 430 is the numerical equivalent of the word *nephesh*, meaning soul. But we must realize that the rabbis understood this term as pertaining to the life of the physical body, the blood, that which ceases at death. The intellectual and spiritual realms are designated by other terms. *Nephesh* we may translate as "the animal nature of man." On a psychological level we are talking about slavery to the drives and desires of man in relation to the material world of the senses.

It is not on these hints alone that the above conception rests. To one versed in the collective symbolism encountered in folklore, fairy-tales and myths, the signs are there in the early chapters of Exodus. But let us move on. For it is the journey out of Egypt that should concern us. The first part of this journey is one of stages en route to Sinai. Each stage has its own particular significance for this inward journey which we are considering. Often the significance is hinted at in the actual name of the place concerned (letters and names are afforded considerable emphasis in the commentaries). Or perhaps the events themselves speak to us more directly. Whatever the method of examination, one thing is clear: it is not the finger that points which is important, it is what it is pointing to.

THE JOURNEY starts from Ramesses (Exodus 12:37) and the reader who has followed the above discussion will not be surprised to learn that the numerical value of this word is 430. The journey begins from a condition in which the *nephesh* rules the man.

We next arrive at Succoth. As is well-known in relation to the festival of the same name, the root concept of this word is that of weaving together. The 600,000 are knit together as a group, sharing a common experience. But we are primarily concerned here with the state within the individual, and I refer the reader back to the psychological concepts expounded above. Our sense of identity, conditioned as it is by the multifarious roles we play in the outer world, resembles this "mixed multitude." It is chameleon-like in its responses and we are deluded in thinking that it has real strength. We experience a fragment of ourselves and call it king; but it is only king for a day. "Our own insufficiency is that we live in a fraction of ourselves, in a narrow I, in a narrow vision, in time, in a belief that the material universe of the moment is all" (Maurice Nicoll). The arduous task for one of self-examination, through prayer and other means, in order that the loose strands of the psyche be woven together into a firm foundation.

In this way we reach Etam (Exodus 13:20), which is a direct

anagram of *emet* (truth). Our true nature. A state of clarity and insight which is a necessary prerequisite to any work involving the spiritual realm; a first stage in the process of purification leading up to the receiving of Torah.

THERE ARE many more signposts and the interested reader will search these out for himself. I wish to mention two further features of the journey only: the passage through the Red Sea and the gift of manna.

In the language of symbolism the sea is the collective unconscious; "the ocean is the 'spirit of the world' " (Jung). In metaphorical terms the Torah itself is related to water for a variety of reasons specified, for example, in the Midrash (Canticles Rabba 1:2). Indeed in the *Sefer ha-Bahir* we read, "There is no sea other than the Torah, as it is said, 'the [Torah] broader than the sea'."

Thus the way out of Egypt must lead through the sea, for it is only by confronting the collective unconscious, crystallized as the Torah, that God may be sought. But the waters are powerful and the passage must not be such as to flood or drown the individual. There are countless testimonies to the fact that the route to the creative spark in man is one flanked with dangers leading to insanity. We read in the Talmud that of four rabbis who entered paradise, only one, Akiva, emerged with body and mind intact.

No, we do not plunge unprepared into a raging sea: "The Children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground" (Exodus 14:22). This is a potent image: the self, that space of harmony uniting the inner and outer worlds, is surrounded by the waters of the unconscious. The route to it does involve confronting our most real and deeply rooted fears. And it is only from the self that we may work towards that state which the kabbalists have called "cleaving to God."

ULTIMATELY the language of psychology is not adequate to interpret the levels of Torah, necessarily so since the one is finite and the other infinite. Nowhere is this more so than in the case of manna, the crystalline dew distilled as nourishment for the spirit as it charts its way through the wilderness. The notion that the spirit of man requires its own food, different from the food that enlivens the body, is a truth that may only be expressed in religious terms.

The nature of this food is elusive, ineffable and yet it will certainly be known when it is tasted: "...the manna tasted differently to each: to the children, to the young and to the old, according to their power" (Pesikta K 12:25). Only through the poetry with which it is described may we come to recognize the refined quality of this sustenance: "A small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground... like coriander seed, white... like wafers made with honey."

Perhaps, in the silence of the heart the seed of recognition may be uncovered: "And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire a still small voice..." (1 Kings 19:11-12).

Not for one moment does this voice cease. But we must make the attempt to find it; it will not reach us unbidden. Furthermore, there are many false gods and idols which stand at the threshold. We can be deluded by those around us and we can be deluded by ourselves. From one point of view the human psyche is a limited and fragile structure. From another it opens to a vista of unimaginable glory. The two viewpoints appear as a crossroads in our path; the signpost is there for the traveller to read. It is a signpost written in black fire on white fire. But we must be strong to respond to the call of Pessah.

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THE WORLD'S longest, restored promenade around an ancient rampart — according to its restorer — and one that almost certainly provides the most detailed descent through the strata of history was completed last week with the opening in Jerusalem's Old City of a spiral staircase descending 16 centuries from a Turkish rampart to a Crusader moat and a Second Temple period ritual bath.

The staircase permits visitors who descend the southern ramparts at Zion Gate to descend at the Citadel and continue, if they choose, to mount the northern ramparts at Jaffa Gate. Until now, such visitors had to walk the half kilometre back to Zion Gate to descend.

Also opened this week was the section of the rampart walk from Herod's Gate to Lion's (or St. Stephen's) Gate overlooking the Via Dolorosa. The rampart walk is now open for some four kilometres with only the section directly abutting the Temple Mount closed to the public.

The rampart project has taken five years to complete and cost \$1 million. It was carried out by the East Jerusalem Development Corporation (EJDC) funded by the Municipality (85 per cent) and the Tourism Ministry (15 per cent).

"This is the biggest wall restoration project in the world," says Yitzhak Ya'acobi, director of the EJDC. The restoration has involved the repaving of the entire rampart, the installation of railings, the restoration of firing slits and apertures over gateways designed for the pouring of hot oil on the heads of attackers, and the placing of signs. The scientific adviser for the project was Prof. Miriam Rosen-Ayalon of the Hebrew University, an authority on Islamic architecture. The planner was Nahum Meltzer.

Descent into time

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE ROMAN gate recently uncovered below Damascus Gate. The southern ramparts can be mounted only at Zion Gate but can be exited at the Citadel, thanks to the new staircase, and at the archeological excavations south of Dung Gate.

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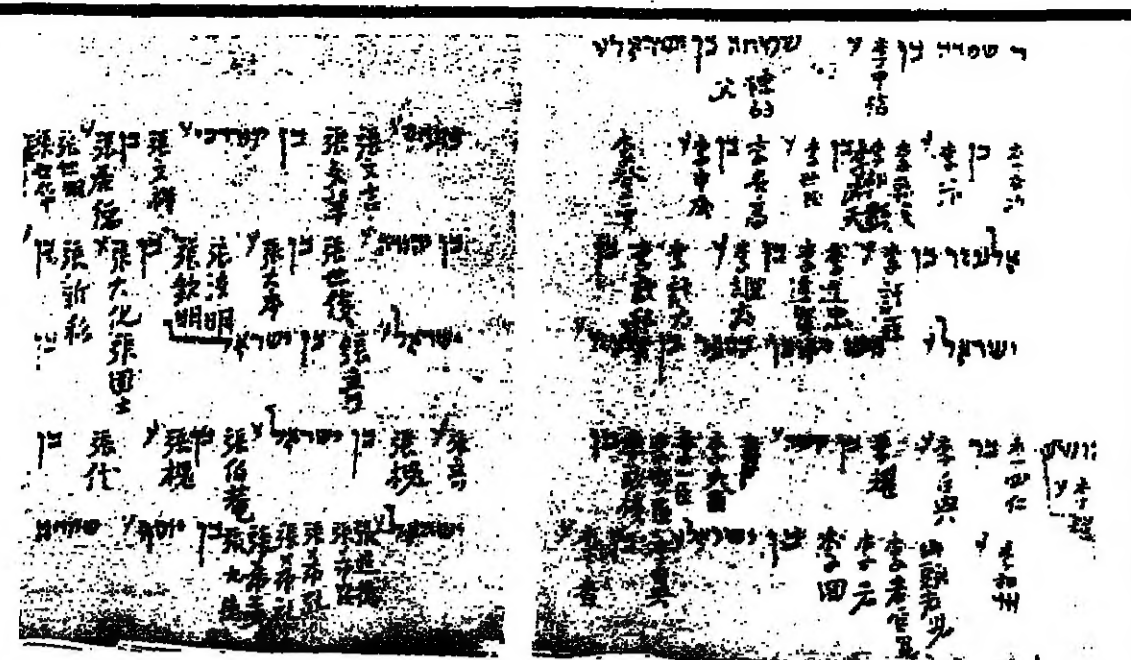
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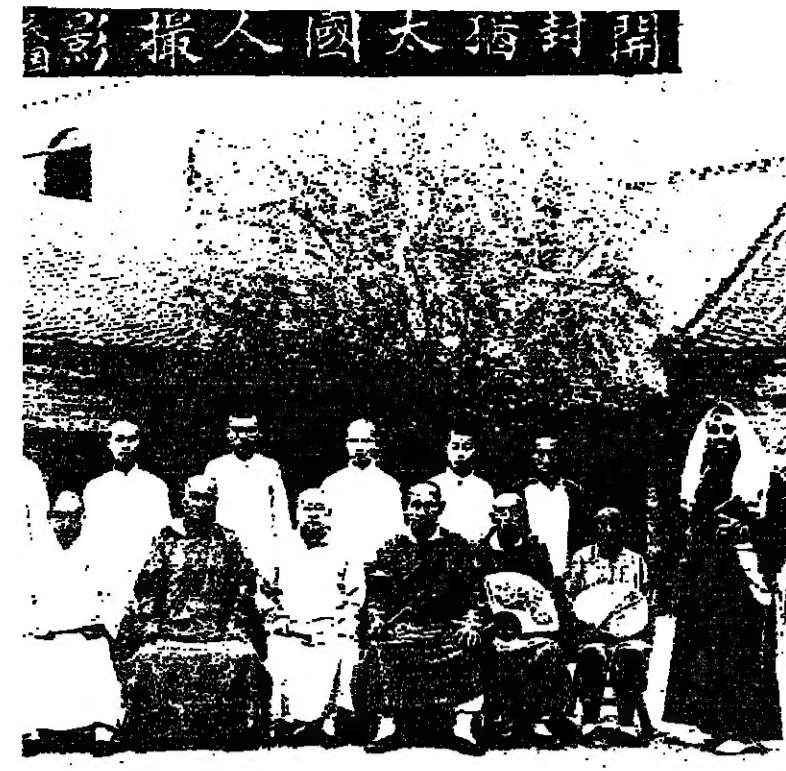
Road and Freres Road was preceded by the sub-surface reconstruction of the area's infrastructure and the installation of new drainage and sewage systems as well as utility lines that had previously constituted an overhead eyesore.

The public development company has also completed a face-lifting operation along the Via Dolorosa from Lion's Gate to the Third Station of the Cross. Plaster was removed from the walls of buildings lining the street to reveal the stonework, and the projecting tin roofs above the stores were replaced with uniform steel roofs designed by architect Peter Bugod.

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(Above) Page from Kaifeng memorial book, in Chinese and Hebrew. (Left) A Chinese-Jewish family in Kaifeng, photographed in 1910 by an American traveller. (Right) Mr. Wong (David Levy), in tallit and kippah, in courtyard of Canadian church, Kaifeng 1924.



The Post's Abraham Rabinovich delves into the 1,000-year history of a Jewish community in China

THE RUMPLED blanket in the corner of the room in the small Oklahoma town caught the Texan's eye as he was leaving with the legacy willed into his care by the dead half-Cherokee Indian.

Lifting it, he saw a scroll written in a strange tongue. The Texan placed it reverently in the back of his truck and sped south towards — where else — Dallas.

This episode is not lifted from a current television series but is a real-life prologue to one of the centre-pieces of an exhibition just opened in Beth Hatefutsoth on the Jewish community of Kaifeng in China.

The scroll that had found its way to that dusty Oklahoma town was a three-century-old Tora from the community of almond-eyed Jews in central China whose descendants still dwell in Kaifeng and still call themselves Jews.

Jews have been living in China for more than 1,000 years, arriving as traders from Persia and other areas in the Middle East along the silk route. According to Michael Pollak, an American who has written a book on the subject, the earliest documented dating is 718 when a letter written in Judeo-Persian in China was set aside by the writer, to be found more than 1,000 years later.

Jews appear to have had as much an affinity for big cities in China as they have had in the West. Marco Polo found Jews in Peking in the 13th century. Medieval Kaifeng, Yeh, capital of the North Song Dynasty, may have been the biggest city in the world of its time, according to Pollak, with more than one million residents.

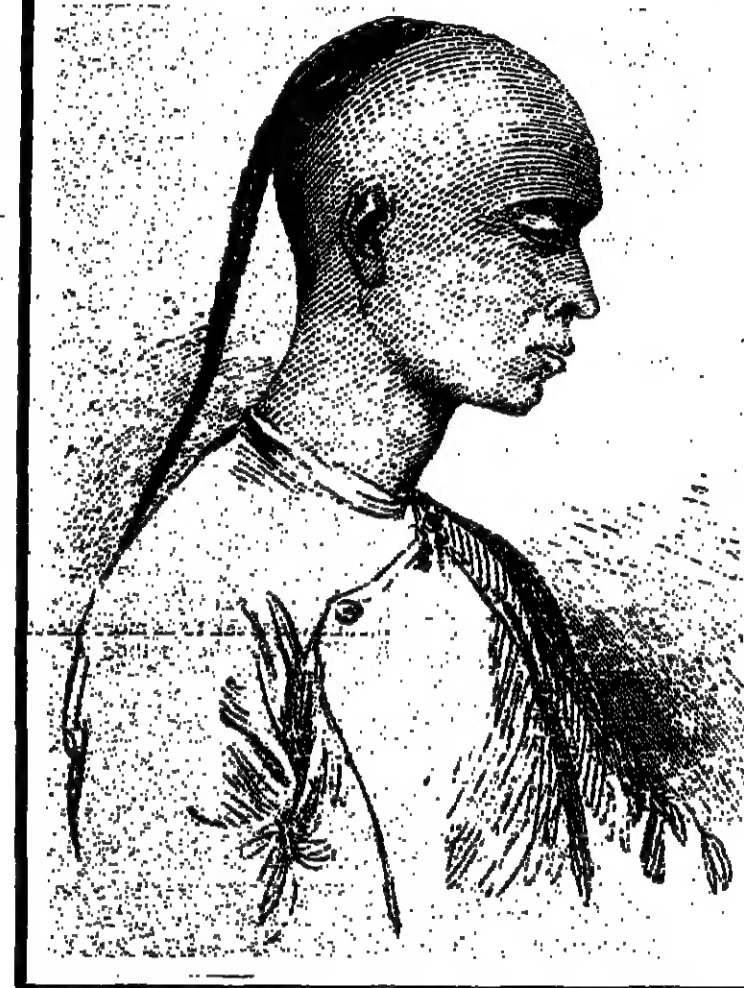
Jews first settled in the city, which lay astride the silk route, somewhere between 960 and 1126, probably from the Persian area but perhaps from Bokhara or Yemen as well. The first synagogue was built in the city in 1163.

When China shut itself off from the West in the 16th century, the tenuous contact between Chinese Jewry, already Sinitized because of inter-marriage, and Jewry to the West was severed.

In 1642, the flooding Yellow River destroyed the synagogue and two young members of the congregation jumped into the waters to save parts of one of the Tora scrolls. The synagogue was rebuilt in 1663.

To celebrate the event, 12 new scrolls were written. The Hebrew letters were shaped somewhat differently than elsewhere in the Jewish world and the text abounded with mistakes. Each of the scrolls was numbered in Hebrew on the back.

Kaifeng secrets



Word of the community's existence reached the West with the arrival of the Jesuits in China in the 17th century. Jesuit reports on the community, which is believed never to have exceeded between 1,000 and 2,000 people, formed the basis of a book by James Finn, the famed British consul in Jerusalem in the mid-19th century.

An Englishwoman who read the book donated 500 pounds sterling to the London Society for the Promotion of Christianity Among the Jews to find and convert the Jews of Kaifeng.

In 1850, two Chinese Christians were dispatched by the society from Shanghai to Kaifeng to see if Jews were still to be found. They were chosen because the unsettled nature of the country made the trip too dangerous for Westerners.

It took the two emissaries 54 days

to complete the trip of some 1,000 kilometres, but their efforts proved fruitful. They found the community and the synagogue still intact, although barely. The last rabbi had died at the turn of the century and there was no longer anyone who could read the Hebrew Tora and books.

The Jews were poor and some were living on the ample synagogue grounds where they grew cabbage. The emissaries brought back to Shanghai a number of bound Hebrew books — consisting of weekly *parashot* readings from the Tora.

The next year they returned and purchased six of the Tora scrolls from the community. In subsequent years, other of the Tora scrolls were acquired by other missionaries.

POLLAK, who owns a printing firm in Dallas, became involved in the subject when an acquaintance, the librarian of the Bridwell Library at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Dechert Turner, asked him to look at a scroll in his possession made of skin. It had been Turner who had gone to Oklahoma to pick up a collection of old Bibles bequeathed to the library by a local man of Indian extraction who had acquired wealth and an interest in old manuscripts.

Through scholarly detective work, Pollak established that the scroll, which he had initially thought to have been written in an odd Rashi script, was one of the Kaifeng Tora — number 12, according to the inscription on the back. The Oklahoma man had purchased it in 1940 from a rare book dealer in Pennsylvania for \$250, Pollak discovered. What remains a mystery, however, is how the scroll reached the dealer from the London Society, in whose possession it had been.

IN ADDITION to the Dallas scroll, one of seven still extant, the exhibition includes some 150 items, 14 of them from Kaifeng itself. Among the latter are state claim chimes from the synagogue used to call the congregation to prayer, incense burners and a Haggada.

The Jews of Kaifeng were known to other Chinese as Tiao Chin Chiso — the sect that plucks out the sinews — because of their *kashrut* customs. For most of their existence, they were well established, some even achieving high rank in public service.



(Above) Merchant with semitic figures, in figurine discovered in Kaifeng tomb, attests to trade with west in 7th century. (Right) Sign on 'Lane of the Sect Which Teaches the Scriptures.' (Below) Two Chinese Jews, with memorial stone associated with Kaifeng synagogue, 1906. (Opposite) Chao Wen-kuue, Kaifeng Hebrew teacher. (Photos, Beth Hatefutsoth)



With the passage of time, the Jewish aspect of their religion was overlaid with Confucianism. The synagogue itself resembled a Chinese temple and contained, in addition to Jewish symbols like depictions of the Ten Commandments, dedications in Chinese to the emperor and Confucianist sayings.

In the courtyard were memorial stones on which was inscribed in Chinese a history of the Jewish people from the time of Abraham to the arrival of the Jews in China. The Jewish liturgy preserved by the



Sinai. The Kaifeng Jews engaged in ancestor worship in the Chinese fashion, laying offerings before plaques bearing their ancestors' names.

KAIFENG IS TODAY a provincial city of some 650,000. The synagogue was purchased in 1914 by a Canadian church mission after members of the congregation had sold most of its movables to a mosque being built nearby. The former synagogue today serves as a hospital.

Although the community has disappeared as such, there are still at least 200 residents of Kaifeng who identify themselves as being of Jewish descent, even though they do not engage in Jewish practices.

Although they look like any other Chinese, one distinguishing character remains, says Pollak — curly hair.

"I think there are hundreds of Jewish descent," he says. A census of minorities in China in 1952-3 had reportedly elicited 700 to 800 Jewish self-identifications in Kaifeng.

There have been several attempts this century by Jews from abroad to establish a connection with Kaifeng. In 1900, "mainstream" Jewish merchants in Shanghai founded an organization "For the Assistance of Chinese Jews" but accomplished little in its three years apart from a few meetings with Kaifeng Jews in Shanghai.

A Jewish student from Canada and a Czech sociologist visited Kaifeng in 1957 and reported on the continued existence of Chinese of Jewish extraction.

With the opening of relations between the United States and China, Jewish organizations in the U.S. have been attempting to get permission from the Chinese authorities to visit Kaifeng, thus far fruitlessly.

Even the most liberal of Jews is likely to regard today's descendants of Kaifeng's Jews as Jews — not because of physiognomy but because of intermarriage and the apparently total absence of Jewish practices and belief.

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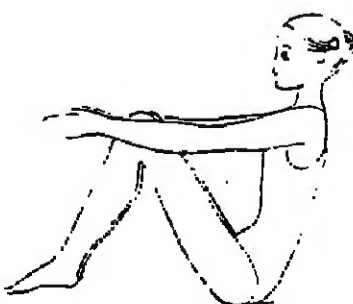


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Calling the church to its roots

CHRISTIAN COMMENT/Oikoumenikos

ONE OF THE best known Catholic communities in Jerusalem is the Sisters of Zion. A visit to the excavations below the Via Dolorosa is a must for most Christian pilgrim groups. Many find the experience of standing on the ancient pavement below the convent and below the level of the present street one of their most moving moments, since many believe that Jesus may have been mocked by the Roman soldiers there before crucifixion.

The Sisters of Zion who, along with volunteers, guide pilgrim groups at Ecce Homo represent only a small number of the 1,200 Sisters of Zion worldwide. With "Zion" in their name, it is hardly surprising that all of them are committed to the Jewish people.

"Our calling," says Sister Lucy Thorson, "is to give witness by our life to God's faithful love for the Jewish people and to the promises He confided to them for all humanity. You could say that our vocation has three main aspects: we are committed to the Church, to the Jewish people, and to a world of justice, peace, and love."

"We sense a particular responsibility to promote understanding and justice for the Jewish community, and to keep alive in the Church the consciousness that Christianity is linked to Judaism from its origin to its final destiny."

Sister Lucy herself seems to typify that calling, both in her study and in her service. She is now, though only 40, the spiritual and administrative leader (or "provincial" in Catholic terminology) for the Sisters of Zion in the entire Mediterranean area, where the sisters have 20 communities in seven countries. Despite those heavy responsibilities, involving considerable travel, Lucy continues to teach at Ratisbone Monastery, and the Centre for Biblical Formation at Ecce Homo.

"I enjoy helping Christians understand their identity through a study of their roots in Jewish tradition. As a result of my years of study at the Hebrew University with Professors David Flusser and Shmuel Safrai, and the late Professor Joseph Heinemann, I have been able to teach Jewish prayer and liturgy. I am hoping to complete my M.A. in Jewish Thought under Professor Michael Stope, with a focus on prayer, at the end of the Second Temple period."

Sister Lucy's teaching is grounded in both serious study and in experience. "I have been enriched," she remarks, "by the living encounter with committed Jewish individuals, and by the masters with whom I have studied at the university. The encounter has also deepened my relationship with Jesus the Jew, who for me was and is the Son of God, incarnate in a person."

SISTER LUCY arrived in Israel in September 1973, just before the Yom Kippur war. She volunteered to work on Moshav Ein Yahav, lived with a Moroccan family, and helped harvest vegetables. She studied Modern Hebrew in the ulpan at Beit Ha'am, and then began her work at the Hebrew University.

Her introduction to Jewish studies came at the University of Manitoba

in Canada, where she had been working on an M.A. in educational psychology. The Sisters of Zion in Canada originally sent her to Israel for an intended 11 months but she has now been here almost 11 years.

"For me, the high point of my experience has been the encounter with the peoples of the Land," says Sister Lucy. "I was so moved by the war in Lebanon that I helped to form the Jerusalem Interfaith Committee for Aid to Lebanese War Victims in 1976, and served for some time as one of the co-chairpersons. Meeting and assisting mothers and children from Lebanon who were treated here in Hadassah Hospital opened me to people of different aspirations and hopes. It was ecumenism in the broadest sense, in praxis."

Few Christian groups have done as much to combat Christian anti-Semitism as have the Sisters of Zion. "We feel that this is an important part of our work," stresses Sister Lucy. "Anti-Semitism falsifies the Gospel we seek to proclaim and live, it diminishes the credibility of the Church, and has long been a source of anguish for the Jews."

At the same time, Sister Lucy and her colleagues feel deeply the hurt and pain of Christian Arabs. "The history of the Jewish people makes us particularly sensitive to the rights of minorities, or the poor, and of all who are marginalized in our society," says the Sister. "In every area where we serve, we seek to evaluate the local milieu and situations of discrimination or prejudice, in Biblical terms, to hear the cry of the poor and to respond anew to God's call 'to do justice.'"

THE CENTENARY of the death of both founders of the Sisters of Zion, Fathers Theodore Ratisbone and Alphonse Ratisbone, will be commemorated on May 6 in Jerusalem. Fr. Alphonse Ratisbone was buried in Ein Kerem. Today there are 32 Sisters of Zion in Israel in four communities, including Ein Kerem, Ecce Homo, and Ratisbone Monastery.

The Ecce Homo Convent in the Old City is probably the best known, for in addition to welcoming hundreds of thousands of pilgrims every year, the convent has a hospice which can accommodate 80 to 100 pilgrims. The Center for Biblical Formation, and the weekly meeting of the ecumenical charismatic prayer group.

At Ein Kerem, many Israeli guests have found a place of quiet rest. A group of seminarians from St. John's in Michigan is now in residence as a part of their formation. Elsewhere on the grounds is a small community of seven contemplative sisters, given to a life of prayer.

Courses at Ratisbone, some of which are taught by the Fathers of Zion, reflect the appreciation of the Jewish heritage, as do the daily mass in Hebrew at Ratisbone and the evening vespers in Hebrew at Ein Kerem.

"We are aware," says Sister Lucy, "that our faith in Jesus both unites us to the Jewish people and at the same time separates us from them. But we are grateful that in recent years the Church has been reflecting on her own origin, and has rediscovered her roots in Judaism. We humbly believe that we have been given a special vocation in the appreciations and understandings we share in the life of the Church today."

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ON SUNDAY May 20, 300 foreign visitors will arrive for an international economic conference in Jerusalem. A cry springs to the lips: "Not again!" And then the question: "Why now?"

There was an international economic conference after the Six Day War and another after the Yom Kippur War. Is this one supposed to commemorate the Lebanese conflict? Both the previous confabulations started on an optimistic note. They were supposed to launch a wave of investments in Israel — and did so at first, but ran out of steam.

It is always possible to try again, yet surely the time is unpropitious. This latest war was the least popular and least successful of the three, and the economy is currently in a state of maximal mismanagement. Who wants to invest in a country suffering a price inflation of several hundred per cent?

Says Meir Dayan, of the Treasury (who until his recent resignation was in charge of the preparations): "Our image in the world is less favourable than it was, that is right. So the time has come to boost something that is positive in our country. What is particularly positive for our purpose? The science-based industries."

He has a point. The troubles afflicting the Israeli economic scene derive from the government's financial policy. The business sector is sound. In the four years 1977-80 exports doubled. Since then things have got worse, but not in a manner which should cripple the growth of individual companies. True, the shekel has ceased to be a viable currency and has become a butt for popular jokes. Sound export concerns overcome that problem by making their calculations in dollars.

Many sectors are in trouble, with cries of anguish from groups, both in industry and agriculture, that cannot make ends meet. A close examination of the dilemma reveals however that the problem is really one of sharpened competition. They find it hard to sell in a world market

AS AN ISRAELI special worker whose main experience has been working with North African and other Oriental populations, I learned recently a sociological reality. Sephardi Jews in Israel, especially the young, have trouble relating to the Holocaust. It did not happen to them. They often view it as an Ashkenazi phenomenon. How do you teach the Holocaust a generation later and in another Jewish culture, knowing full well that the Holocaust must be seen as one of a chain of events happening to the Jewish people. It is our job as teachers of Jewish students to make them understand the Holocaust as happening to them in their generation and in their time.

One of the chain of events that can serve as a good example for teaching the Holocaust is Entebbe. Why Entebbe? Because until the rescue operation, Israelis, many of whom were combat soldiers, were separated from the other passengers on the airliner and held captive only because they were Jews. And all of Israel stood by helplessly during that terrible week.

Ardent supporters

Jerusalem Post Reporter

AMONG THE ardent supporters of The Jerusalem Post funds and numerous other causes in Israel is Joseph Achsen of Montreal, who annually contributes cash and clothing.

This year he brought a beautiful selection of sleeping suits for babies and a stack of brightly coloured jeans for toddlers, as well as attractive shell necklaces for teenagers. He also gave a cash contribution to Forsake Me Not. While unpacking his Toy Fund gifts, Mr. Achsen confided that he has a running battle with his wife each time they visit Israel. She packs their suitcases with all the clothing she thinks will be necessary for their stay. When she's not looking, he takes most of his own clothing out of the valises and packs gifts for various institutions instead. "If I run out of what to wear," he says with a smile, "there are plenty of shops in Israel where I can buy what I need."

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ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

By DAVID KRIVINE/Jerusalem Post Correspondent

which has become less than euphoric. The clamour is allegedly for the restoration of normal — that is, boom-time — conditions. The wish is in fact for subsidies.

Not all or even most of Israel's enterprises face that parlous situation. Subsidies have diminished, which is a healthy sign. Some companies continue to grow, with exports increasing by leaps and bounds. They make money, so don't need subsidies. Who are these success-mongers? They mostly have one characteristic in common: they have opted for high technology. The sector in question is called science-based industries; and that is what the conference is about.

SAM FRIEDRICH, director-general of the Economics Ministry (the second sponsor of the colloquy, the third being the Ministry of Industry and Trade), is shocked by the idea that his carefully-prepared future-oriented palaver should be compared with its predecessors. "This one is new, special and unique," he states categorically. But so were the others. In what respect is the present get-together different from previous efforts?

He lists the differences. One: Israel is a highly industrialized economy, which it wasn't before.

Two: the conference is not concerned any more with raising investment money, mobilizing capital, recruiting cash dollars. Its purpose is to promote mutually advantageous transactions between manufacturers.

Three: previous gatherings were

mainly of fellow-Jews who rallied faithfully to the call put out by the late Pinchas Sapir, then finance minister. His approach was person-to-person, what he appealed for was help.

Invitations to the present conference are addressed not to individuals but to business companies. Three-quarters of the delegates will be non-Jews. They aren't bidden to help Israel or the Zionist cause or the Jewish state. The aim of their trip will be to sniff out the possibility of concluding deals beneficial to the economic interests of both parties.

Four: delegates are no longer sought from traditional Jewish industries like textiles, clothing, foodstuffs. Attention is confined to sophisticated research-intensive branches, and the criteria are severe. Contacted are firms with more than \$100m. turnover in the U.S., or \$30m. turnover elsewhere.

Exceptions to the size requirement can be authorized for companies or branches that show an exceptionally high growth-rate (e.g. robotics), or firms that have invested successfully in Israel or are in the course of negotiating projects in Israel.

(Incidentally, if the science-based industries are not a traditional Jewish occupation, they are not a traditional gentle one either. They are new for both, and Jews in all countries are active in them to an impressive degree.)

Five: investment does not have to involve a financial outlay. Israel looks for business cooperation and

this can take many forms: know-how agreements, joint R&D projects, marketing agreements, subcontracting arrangements. Partnerships can be based on the conclusion of such accords.

Capital investment is not by any means excluded, but — and here is the big difference with past situations — Israel does not need as a first priority financial assistance in building up its infrastructure. The infrastructure is there; what it needs to do is maximize its potential.

Meir Dayan again: "The new feature characterizing this conference is that the world recognizes Israel today as a high-technology power. You can say what you like about the Lebanese campaign, but the sweeping destruction of Syria's Soviet-manufactured MIG planes and SAM missiles was a remarkable demonstration of Israel's abilities in the application of science to industrial technology."

SIGNIFICANT is the list of companies which are sending top people to the colloquy. The sponsoring ministries are being super-careful: they do not want to reveal identities prematurely, because they fear that Arab-boycott circles might exercise bothersome pressure on would-be participants.

But enterprises figure on the list whose names are a household word. The status of the speakers scheduled to appear on the platform says much. One is former U.S. secretary-of-state Henry Kissinger. Others are Viscount Etienne Davignon, the Common Market's industrial czar; Dr. Nobuyuki Fukuda, chairman of Tsukuba Science City in Japan; Prof. Lawrence Klein of Pennsylvania University, Nobel Prize Laureate in economics.

The readiness of Japanese businessmen to come is startling. Their country tends to steer clear of too close an association with the Jewish state because of Moslem opinion, which is strongly felt in

Asia. The response (albeit initially modest) to Israel's invitation underlines the advantages that participation offers.

Apart from its advanced technological resources, Israel has concluded a free-trade treaty with the European Community, and is in the process of concluding one with the United States. We are moving rapidly towards a no-tariff relation with the two biggest markets in the world. No greater effort of the imagination is required to realize that there are possibilities here deserving of scrutiny.

That is all the sponsors seek at this moment. Friedrich: "We want the visitors to take a peep. There's a lot going on in Israel. Let them see what we have to offer." Dayan adds: "Serious foreign manufacturers who come over and take a close look at the Israeli scene are always impressed and enthusiastic; it never fails. Our task is to create the contacts."

"Every one of our three-hundred guests will be made to feel that he is the sole visitor to Israel during this week." Each individual from abroad will be linked to an Israeli counterpart having similar business interests. A public committee headed by Eli Hurwitz, chief of Teva Pharmaceuticals and president of the Manufacturers Association, will do the pairing.

There will be one day of conference-room lectures, the rest of the time will be spent in the field. It so happens — nor is it a coincidence — that two other events are scheduled for the same period. One is the Isra-Tech Exhibition, to take place in the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds. It concentrates, like the conference, on a specialized sector embracing metals, engineering and electronics.

The other event is a colloquy too one designed largely for technical personnel. It is the 4th Conference on Information Technology, due to take place in the same week and sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Development.

Teaching the Holocaust

By DAVID S. BEDEIN/Special to The Jerusalem Post

One way to teach Israeli students would be to re-enact that week of tension in a simulation encounter, to foster identity and empathy with Jews under the stress of persecution. I had the chance to test this with Israeli Sephardi high-school students and it worked. They had to put aside their knowledge of the eventual outcome of this encounter in order to play out the various roles of nervous, uncomfortable, and helpless Jewish people in Eretz Yisrael while persecution of their own community was taking place abroad.

I HAD another opportunity to bring the message of the Holocaust closer to another group of students in 1978 when I returned for an extended

visit to the United States. During that time I had a job at a Hebrew high school, teaching a generation of students who were having a very different life experience from that I had known in my own community.

While our actual Jewish education had been somewhat superficial, my friends and I had grown up in neighbourhoods that were entirely Jewish. The teenagers that I was teaching were growing up in neighbourhoods that were 40-60 per cent Jewish. Moreover, their parents had received only a minimal Jewish education. Needless to say, discussions of the Holocaust and even movies on the subject did not touch these students. "It is not happening to me," they would say.

When the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising came around, I used the occasion to bring home the precariousness of Jewish existence amongst non-Jews. Rarely had any of my students heard an anti-Semitic slur, although an occasional ethnic barb was common. I confronted them with the possibility of anti-Semitism among their friends and neighbours, but not one of them would believe me.

I then gave a homework assignment which the students and their parents would never forget. Following a movie on the Holocaust and a lecture on the collaboration of some European nations with the Nazis, I gave the students a questionnaire which they were to show in their non-Jewish classrooms. It consisted of one simple question: At a time of persecution and pogrom, would you hide me in your basement or attic knowing this to be a capital crime?

Fifteen out of 20 students cooperated in the survey. They were shocked to get to know the other side of their friends. The results brought back a week later were clear: the vast majority of non-

Jewish students, understanding the implications of a pogrom, told their classmates that they would not risk themselves to hide them. My students had learned a lesson they would remember about the Holocaust, and about being Jewish.

Two weeks later, on Israel's Independence Day, the aliyah discussion I conducted took on a new significance for these students. Their parents and the synagogue board members, however, were enraged and demanded my dismissal. Since I was about to return to Israel anyway, I didn't mind.

Whether among Sephardi Israelis, on a suburban American campus, the Holocaust could not seem further from reality for young people enthralled with the wonders of the electronic media and the distractions of a culture of immediate gratification. It still remains the task of a Jewish educator, parent, or citizen to bring home the message of the Holocaust in such a way that any young Jew can understand what happened, what is happening and what could happen.

The writer is a special worker in Sephardi communities.

TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

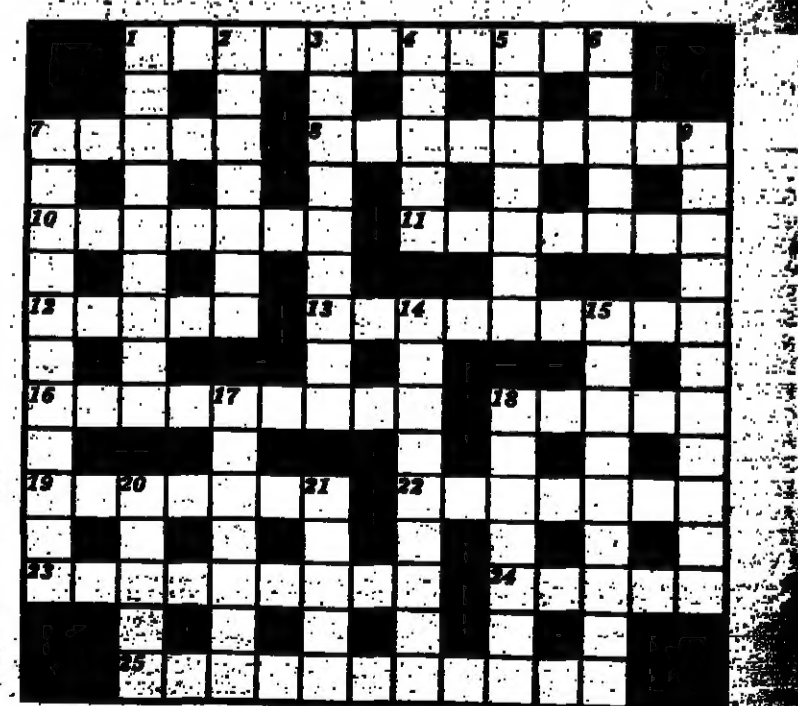
Cryptic

- 1 Held such a person to be suspect! (5, 6)
- 7 Takes one, out of choice (5)
- 8 Underground Christian movement flourished here in Rome (9)
- 10 Mixed in sugar, may kill birds, rats, etc (3-4)
- 11 With baby clothes, surely they're bound to do it! (7)
- 12 Make a law about hector, right away (5)
- 13 Play one on the other side of the ground? Just the opposite! (4, 5)
- 16 Competitors getting into 2nd or 3rd class compartments, as it were? (7-2)
- 18 Step over a carpet, sometimes (5)
- 19 Takes them these offers (7)
- 22 Point to reason likely to arouse the feelings (7)
- 23 Long drink from the beer barrel! (4, 2, 5)
- 24 Attempts to find out about one's business not being open! (5)
- 25 Old copper now lets Ted off—he's stopped his wild ways (7, 4)

DOWN

- 1 Doubt if being present would make one feel so! (9)
- 2 Obscene and decent people show this (7)
- 3 They pull people over—the Oriental way (9)
- 4 Money for council house; owner must pay (5)
- 5 Cry after old flame: "try to get something from insurance Co" (7)
- 6 Hasn't got the nerve to call a person this (5)
- 7 People fighting to stop them singing it (5, 6)
- 9 Flock to see her put in charge! (11)
- 14 Means to catch hold, as well (9)
- 15 Practised for a long time, it's established... (8)
- 17 At the expense of another, to do yourself good deed (7)
- 18 Fabulous birds rise over Greek character, with love sign that's heavenly (7)
- 20 Every one of them's an ace! (5)
- 21 Accidentally stop vehicle with horse in it, perhaps (5)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



'Quickie'

- ACROSS
- 1 Parapets on forts, etc (11)
 - 7 Mouth of the Nile (5)
 - 8 Flowers (9)
 - 10 One working for another (7)
 - 11 Incited (5, 2)
 - 12 Rove about for prey (5)
 - 13 Not quite normal in manner (9)
 - 16 Towards the rising Sun (9)
 - 18 Military camps (5)
 - 19 Responded to a letter (7)
 - 22 High-ranking sailor (7)
 - 23 Totally without means (9)
 - 24 S American Indians (5)
 - 25 Wanderings from the point (11)
- DOWN
- 1 Places for dancing (4-5)
 - 2 Toll (7)
 - 3 Astronomical unit (5-4)
 - 4 Form of code (5)
 - 5 Nine-sided figure (7)
 - 6 In good condition (5)
 - 7 Vanished (11)
 - 8 Made by children on the beach (4-7)

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A broken vessel

WHILE all the political parties are trying manfully to pull themselves together for the election campaign, no party has been having as much difficulty as the National Religious Party. Those difficulties are, of course, an index of the party's decay.

Once a distinct voice in the nation's party structure, offering a bridge between tradition and modernity, between halacha and Zionist ideals, the NRP today is an empty and fractured vessel.

To be sure, its warring factions would like to wield the legitimacy of the past for their own separate ends. Thus Dr. Burg, Rabbi Druckman, Hanan Porat, Zevulun Hammer all claim to be the genuine article. Meanwhile, Mr. Abuhazzeira, who defected, and Yitzhak Raphael, who still waits, observe the counterfeits with justified contempt. They at least have the virtue of unalloyed cynicism.

For reasons still unexplained, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapiro chose to insert himself into this unholy mess, exposing his prestige and his political innocence. No doubt his motivations were pure: to rescue the party from itself and keep the embers alive.

However, his innocence led him astray. He violated the norms of his high office by intervening directly in the affairs of a party. Like the president of the state, and like the judiciary, the chief rabbi should stand beyond partisan politics. In trying to salvage the party, Rabbi Shapiro did damage to his office.

But the objects of his solicitude, the NRP politicians only deepened his embarrassment. They turned aside his well-meant, but politically puerile, formulae. Most remarkable of all was the decision of the Religious Women's Movement to establish its own Knesset list in response to the rabbi's failure to allot them a safe place. Thus the wage of his intervention was also diminution of his personal prestige.

The party's deepening fractures beget deepening ironies. The Religious Kibbutz Movement, once closely allied to Dr. Burg, may now also bolt and form its own list. Yet Dr. Burg would still claim the party's leadership, though his constituency by now is narrowed to the functionaries whom he keeps in office. And the party's largest faction, headed by Mr. Raphael and David Glass, is treated as if it does not exist, even as its detractors declaim upon party unity.

At a time when the nation has lurched dangerously to the right on religious and political issues, the decline of the National Religious Party is unfortunate indeed. But that decline is itself a product of the processes that have moved the country in this direction.

No wonder, therefore, that the party leaders are lost in the maze. They have no common direction yet would seek common political survival. In this circumstance the fracturing of the party seems not only inevitable, but also best. Clarifying their differences and strengths through electoral contest would then become the basis for measuring the prospects of the factions' reunion in the future.

The politics of terror

By HIRSH GOODMAN

THE SUCCESS of a terrorist operation is seldom judged either by the military proficiency with which it was carried out, or by the number of casualties caused, but by its political and psychological impact. The goal of the terrorist is to make a political point, not to score a military victory. He hopes for the shock waves of his actions to reverberate long after the explosion has subsided. It is almost irrelevant to those planning a terror action whether it is successful from a military point of view, as long as the message they are trying to convey strikes home.

It was almost irrelevant last week, to those who sent four young Gazans to their death in the attempt to hijack an Egged bus, whether they succeeded in that attempt or not, whether they managed to negotiate for one hour or 10, whether they got their comrades out of an Israeli prison or not. What was relevant was that the world's — and more important, the Israeli — press was on hand to convey the message: your war in Lebanon was a failure. Long live the PLO.

What the war in Lebanon has done is to change the nature of terror. It forced another metamorphosis on the PLO: the adoption of a new form. It has happened before. The PLO hit Israeli targets abroad when the Jordanian border was closed to it. And when Israeli targets abroad and El Al airliners became impervious to their attacks, they moved the battlefield to Israeli settlements on the northern border.

Now they no longer have an infrastructure in Southern Lebanon. But terror does not need an infrastructure. It needs 1.3 million conquered Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza who can be motivated by either ideology or fear. It needs training bases in Syria and the Yemen, and money from Libya and Saudi Arabia. It needs ideological and material support from the Third World and from peripheral revolutionary groups in every corner of the world. It needs the Libyan diplomatic pouch and the blind eye of the authorities in Athens, Nicosia and Ankara, where messages are exchanged, money handed over and grenades transferred. It needs sophisticated weapons explosives from the Soviet Union, and thousands of sympathetic hearts in Southern Lebanon.

Whatever the terrorists need to enable them to place a bomb in an Israeli market, or a suitcase on an Israeli bus, they have. And because they have it, Israel and Israelis are going to have to live with terror for a long time — regardless of which party wins the elections on July 23.

BECAUSE the political message, and not military success, is what is important to those behind the planning of acts of terror against Israel, Defence Minister Moshe Arens' warning to the PLO after last week's bus hijacking — that no terrorist who perpetrates acts of terror in Israel can expect to escape alive — was basically of no consequence. The terrorists want Israel to react with war-planes and artillery, to show the devastation and destruction of Palestinian targets to the world, because they want to be victims. They want those whom they

send into action against Israeli civilians to be killed in dramatic shoot-outs, because they want martyrs.

If the government wants to stymie the political message of terror, it has to deal with terror deep in the shadows, far from the eye of the camera — not stage media events that, in the final analysis, give the PLO a military importance it does not merit.

For the past two years the PLO, even after its fragmentation and dispersion, has continued to overshadow Israel's defence policy. Divisions of tanks, artillery and infantrymen have been deployed in a phantom war against the PLO — a war that has generated more terror than it has prevented — costing hundreds of millions of dollars. Israel's air force and navy, secret services and intelligence services have spent at least as much time dealing with the various aspects of Palestinian terror as with the combined armies of the confrontation states. Defence policy has become subservient to our national psychosis about Katyushas falling on the Galilee. What a source of satisfaction it must be to Hawatma and Habash and Abu Mussa and Arafat and the rest, that the several thousand men they have under their mediocre command in Lebanon are capable of tying down divisions of the Israeli army for months on end, and that four teenagers from Gaza, armed with knives and grenades, can occupy this country's elite forces for a whole night.

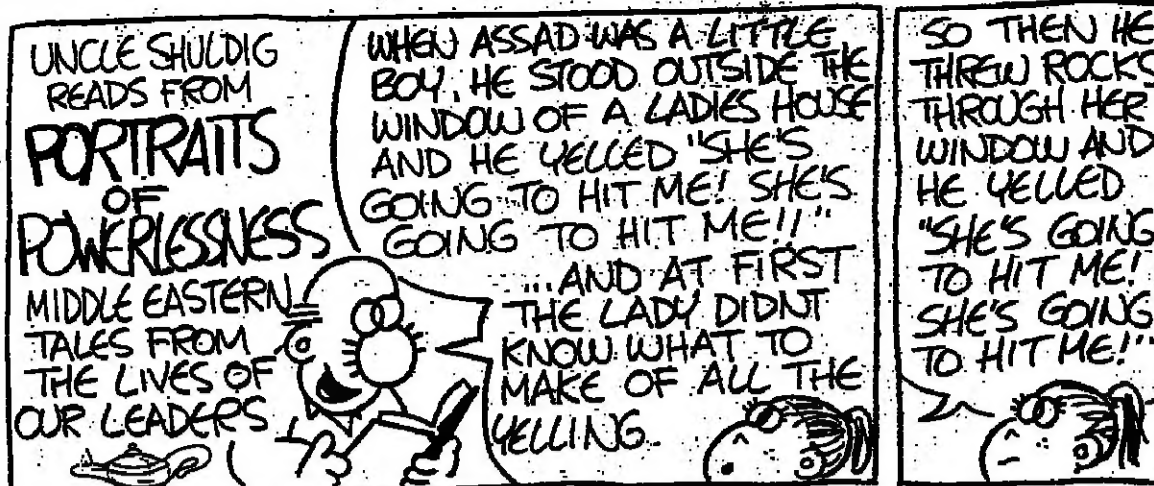
ISRAEL'S policy of "big bang" anti-terror tactics did not start with this government, or with the Likud. It evolved out of frustration, and the misconception that terrorists who send others to their deaths can be coaxed into submission by a policy of disproportionate retaliation. Human life means little to the terrorist. It takes a special type of person to plan planting a bomb in a railway station on the eve of a holiday.

And it takes a special type of commander to send a soldier he himself has trained personally on a suicide mission. Deterrence in the conventional sense is not what is going to stop terror. Nor is a ministerial message that the only reward a terrorist can expect is death, because for the terrorist, the reward is not death, but martyrdom.

Israel can double its forces in Lebanon, and triple its flights over the Bekaa, and it will not be able to prevent bus No. 300 from being hijacked, or downtown Jerusalem from being turned into a momentary battlefield. All that Israel can hope to do is limit the terrorists' ability to operate — not to eradicate the phenomenon.

Given that terror directed against the State of Israel can be expected to continue regardless of which political party comes into power, the issue should be removed from the realm of political rhetoric. The government should not feel the need to justify its war in Lebanon by over-reacting to indications that it was a failure. The opposition should not point to every terror incident as being linked up to that fact. All that has changed as a result of the war is

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the operational method: not the goals of the Palestinian terror movements. Palestinian terror will continue for as long as there is a Palestinian problem, and for as long as the only overt collective political expression of Palestinian nationalism remains the bomb.

The real issue in the election campaign is not how to deal with terror, but what the parties intend to do about resolving the problem at the political level, leaving the tactical response in the hands of professionals.

WHAT THE politicians should be concerned about is what is happening at the sociological level in this country as a result of terror. The hounding of Arabs by hysterical crowds in the streets of Jerusalem or Kiryat Gat or wherever, immediately after a bomb goes off, is driving a wedge between Arab and Jew as never before. The scenes of mass hate directed against innocent Arab bystanders who, after all, are unwilling witnesses to the excesses of those who claim to speak in their name, are exactly the type of scenes the orchestrators of Palestinian terror want to achieve. They want co-existence to become impossible. They want Palestinian workers from the West Bank and Gaza to be too

petrified to come to work in Israeli towns. They want to prevent the prosperity that comes with jobs in Israel from making the lives of those they regard as PLO constituents too comfortable.

By allowing the public to run wild, by allowing terror to become part of the national political debate, and by responding to acts of terror in a way that reinforces the world image of the Palestinian as the victim, we are responding as the planners of terror want us to respond. It is time we realized that terrorism is not going to be deterred by the threat of either disproportionate force or death. Terror will only be dealt with efficiently when it is relegated to its proper place on the scale of national defence priorities, and when those specialists designated to deal with the problem on the tactical level can operate in the environment the terrorist fears most — the shadows.

TERROR is directed against all Israelis, and takes no account of how a particular person votes in the polling booth. Over-reaction by the public at this time when our rulers are hyper-sensitive to the popular mood, can only push the government into a course of action it perhaps does not relish, because of

the danger of escalation on other fronts. One has had the feeling these past months that when the air force is sent in to bombard yet another terrorist installation somewhere in Lebanon, the bombs are directed more towards placating domestic public opinion than against the terrorists.

One could also say with some degree of accuracy that the reason the IDF is still deployed in Southern Lebanon is that the government is apprehensive of a Katyusha falling on Galilee on the eve of the elections — not because of the physical damage it could do, but because of the impact it might have on the government's credibility.

Both the government and the public have to be able to differentiate between the cause and effect of the war in Lebanon, and the ongoing problem of terror. The two things are obviously connected, but constantly equating the two can only lead to more bad decisions by a government defending its credibility with the electorate, rather than protecting the electorate from the specific, limited dangers of terrorism.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS AFRAID of car thieves? French garage owner Manuel Martins believes that he has found the solution — simply remove the steering wheel and take it with you.

Martins, whose business is in Paris, says he invented the removable steering wheel after four of his cars disappeared in one night. It may be inconvenient to carry the wheel around, "but it is more convenient than having your car stolen," he said.

His system, which has just gone on the market, was among items from 22 countries displayed recently at Geneva's annual inventors exhibition.

Some 1,000 inventors showed off their products, ranging from a tiny hovercraft to a silent toilet.

Among the curiosities were a wheelbarrow which can be loaded at soil level, a space-saving suspended bathtub, a paste-dispensing toothbrush, boots which can be tied and untied in one second and the "ecological hoover," a vacuum cleaner which evacuates dust directly into the gutter.

Watchmaker Guidi Bacchi of Italy has developed a liquid which attracts insects from a radius of 30 metres, then paralyzes them on contact. He said his idea, already used

by riding schools and farms, originated from his disgust at having once found flies in his home-made bread.

French inventor Jack Clergues came up with a device which automatically informs users that their mail has been delivered. No bigger than a pocket calculator, it emits a sound whenever letters are thrown into a letter box.

PS ABOUT 25 members of a Dutch anti-nuclear group recently sowed marijuana seeds around the 18-km perimeter of an airbase at Woensdrecht, Holland, earmarked for possible siting of U.S. cruise missiles, police said.

They said that the group, calling itself Dutch Cannabis Against Cruise Missiles Campaign, planted the seeds outside the barbed wire surrounding the base and used blowpipes to spread the seeds in places they could not reach.

There were no incidents and airbase guards did not attempt to stop the protesters, police said.

"We hope that with so many marijuana plants here, the military guards will later be unable to resist the temptation and get sent home," the spokesman said.

About 33 kilos of seeds were planted, he added.

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